President Baker named to national university group

President Warren Baker has been appointed to the board of the 215-member National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and will serve as the leader of the association's Commission on Information Technologies.

"I'm honored to join the board of this historic group," said President Baker. Noting that Cal Poly is among California's leaders in exploring new ways to use technology to communicate with prospective students and the general public and to educate current students, Baker said he has a keen interest in the work of the association's Commission on Information Technologies.

"We at Cal Poly are currently exploring the wealth of options brought to our campus by the arrival of Internet 2 and other information technology expansions," Baker said.

More information on NASULGC and its CIT can be found at www.nasulgc.org. ☞

2003-04 Academic Senators

Several new senators have been elected to serve on the Academic Senate for 2003-2004. They are:

- College of Agriculture: Jim Ahern, Agribusiness; John Beckett, Animal Science; and Wayne Howard, Agribusiness.
- College of Architecture and Environmental Design: Kevin Dong, Architectural Engineering; Gregg Doyle, City and Regional Planning; and Jonathan Reich, Architecture.
- College of Business: Zaf Iqbal, Accounting.
- College of Engineering: Jin Tso, Aerospace Engineering; Dan Waldorf, Industrial Engineering; and Unny Menon (statewide senator), Industrial Engineering.
- College of Liberal Arts: Malcolm Keif, Graphic Communication, and Lisa Sweatt, Psychology and Child Development.
- College of Science and Mathematics: Susan Elrod, Biological Sciences; Susan Puhl, Kinesiology; and Myron Hood (statewide senator), Mathematics.

Art outreach program earns national recognition

A Cal Poly art education outreach program designed to put the arts back into county elementary schools has received national recognition and will become a partner in a nationwide effort to advance the role of arts in educating children.

The outreach project to be part of the Arts Education Partnership is the California Arts Council Demonstration Project, headed by Susan Duffy and Kathleen Friend of the Liberal Studies Department.

The Cal Poly project is a partnership of the Liberal Studies Department, the Lucia Mar Unified School District and the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council. Supported with funds from the California Arts Council, it is a three-year program to assess the influence of the arts on the academic achievement of children in all Lucia Mar elementary schools. The project follows 818 students from third through fifth grade.

Six resident artists provide 22 hours of supplemental visual arts instruction. All teachers in the district are invited to participate in professional development workshops addressing California's newly adopted visual and performing arts framework and standards. ☞

Internet 2 team seeking project proposals

The Cal Poly Internet 2 (I2) team is soliciting proposals for mini-grants to fund projects related to I2, a consortium of more than 200 universities working to deploy advanced networks and networking applications.

As part of Cal Poly's participation in Internet 2, the university is connected to other participating universities via a super-high-speed backbone network. The Cal Poly group is looking for proposals that will use the capabilities of the network to facilitate creative teaching and research opportunities at Cal Poly.

Proposals are due Friday (March 21).

For more information go to http://www.csc.calpoly.edu/~husmith/12/Mini-grants/index.htm. ☞
Applicants sought for Fulbright scholarships

Applicants are being sought for the 2004-2005 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition.

The grants provide opportunities to study and conduct research in other nations with the aim of increasing mutual understanding through educational and cultural exchange and serving as a catalyst for long-term leadership development.

The U.S. Student Program awards approximately 1,000 grants annually and operates in more than 140 countries. Full grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, living costs for an academic year, health and accident insurance, and full or partial tuition. In addition, Fulbright “travel-only” grants are available to some countries.

Criteria and more information are included in the March 19 Cal Poly Report online at http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/cpereport/reportindex.html.

Students should contact campus Fulbright Student Program advisor Monica Schechter spring quarter for more information and to begin the application process. Schechter can be reached in the Study Abroad office (Math and Science 106), at ext. 6-5964 or at mschecht@calpoly.edu.

Completed applications will be due to Schechter Oct. 1 and will then be sent to the Institute of International Education office before the Oct. 21 national deadline.

More information is also available on the Fulbright U.S. Student Program Web site at www.iie.org/fulbright.

Corlyss Oates, 71

Corlyss Oates, former secretary in the President’s Office and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, died March 8 of pancreatic cancer. Oates joined the Cal Poly staff in 1978 and officially retired from the President’s Office in 1984, but she continued working in Architecture as a retired annuitant.

Aerospace Prof Cummings recognized by U.S. Air Force

Aerospace Engineering Professor Russ Cummings has been awarded the U.S. Air Force Science and Engineering Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the areas of research, development and engineering.

In addition, as part of a team working to develop aircraft aerodynamic simulation technology, Cummings also received the 2002 Award for Explorer or Advanced Technology Development. He shares the award with three Air Force officers.

Thursday events to honor Bill Roalman

A remembrance service for former San Luis Obispo City Councilman Bill Roalman will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday (March 20) on the lawn between the Recreation Center and the Health Center on Perimeter Road.

A memorial bench will be installed at a later date as a permanent tribute to Roalman, said Polly Harrigan, Cal Poly’s assistant women’s basketball coach and Intercollegiate Athletics director.

For more information, call Architecture Professor Paul Wolff at 544-3450.

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Professional Consultative Services:
Stacey Breitenbach, College of Engineering Advising Center, and Cindy Jelinek, College of Science and Mathematics Advising Center.

For a complete list of senators, please see the March 19 Cal Poly Report online at http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/cpereport/reportindex.html.

Position Vacancies

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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 on-campus employees, job vacancies also are published in the Cal Poly Report.

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CPR deadline change

This is the final winter quarter Cal Poly Report Digest. Please note that the deadline to send articles for the first spring quarter issue, April 2, is 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 25—one day earlier than usual—because the campus will be closed in observance of Cesar Chavez’s birthday on March 31.

Generally, items are due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before publication.

Items can be e-mailed to polynews@polymail.calpoly.edu, faxed to ext. 6-4533, or mailed to Public Affairs, Heron Hall. For more information, call ext. 6-1515.

The Cal Poly Report is not published during quarter break.

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Van pool has openings

Cal Poly’s van pool program has openings for commuters throughout the county. For information, contact Debby Anderson at ext. 6-6680 or djanders@calpoly.edu.