Students take top prizes in Bookbuilders contest

Graphic Communication students won six out of seven prizes in the 2003 Bookbuilders West (BBW) book design competition in San Francisco.

First-place winner Amy Lai, a senior, won a $1,500 scholarship. The $500 Steve Renick Memorial Scholarship went to Ron Selvey Jr., a 2003 graduate.

Four Cal Poly students received $500 Honorable Mention Awards in the June competition: senior Ruvilyn Dayao, senior Nora Massuda, graduate Vicki Rosel and senior Joannie Chavarria.

Competitors were asked to select and design a classic book. Their page designs had to include layout and typography; the cover designs had to convey the author's intent and the atmosphere and content of the story. Industry professionals judged the entries on creativity, success in meeting design objectives, and presentation.

Lai won for her design of "Like Water for Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel.

"Cal Poly students' designs go beyond the basic requirements," said Graphic Communication Department Head Harvey Levenson, "because they spark life into the entries on creativity, success in meeting design objectives, and presentation."

Sparling to direct Student Academic Services

Susan Sparling, interim director of Student Academic Services (SAS) since December, was named director by Cornel Morton, vice president for student affairs, as of July 1.

Sparling, at Cal Poly since 1974, served as associate director from 1999 to 2002. She has initiated a number of SAS programs (including Suplemental Workshops in Math, Summer Institute and First Year Seminars), has been active as an academic advisor, and was instrumental in the writing of the initial grants for all of SAS's current grant-funded programs.

Sparling earned a bachelor's degree in English and education from the University of Texas at Austin, a master's in education from Cal Poly, and credentials as a teaching and reading specialist in Texas and California.

SAS includes the Academic Skills Center, Connections for Academic Success, Educational Opportunity Program, Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, Summer Institute and Upward Bound.

Prof receives EPA's 'green chemistry' award

Professor and Cal Poly grad Jennifer Ryder Fox, head of the Horticulture and Crop Science Department, has received the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award from the federal Environmental Protection Agency for work conducted in private industry before she joined the Cal Poly faculty last year.

Fox and three colleagues received the award for work in discovering and bringing to market a biofungicide that uses naturally occurring bacteria to combat mildew that affects crops. The natural fungicide, named Serenade, is harmless to beneficial insects and can be used in both organic and traditional farming.

Fox helped develop Serenade during her years with AgraQuest Inc. in Davis. It has been approved for use on a number of fruit, vegetable and nut crops.

She received the Green Chemistry Award in a June 23 ceremony at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Fox earned a bachelor's in soil science from Cal Poly in 1978 and a master's in 1980 at New Mexico State University, where she completed her doctorate in 1989. She worked for FMC Corp. and the Western Crop Protection Association in addition to AgraQuest.

Walter named Fellow by national honor society

Horticulture and Crop Science Professor Virginia Walter has been named a National Fellow by Pi Alpha Xi (PAX), the national floriculture scholastic honor society.


She joined the College of Agriculture faculty in 1974, after earning her bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio State.
Pride Alliance receives $6,500 community grant

The Pride Alliance – Cal Poly’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center – has received a $6,500 grant from the San Luis Obispo Community Foundation for two of its programs.

The Community Foundation will fund the “Respect Zone” training program offered by the Pride Alliance for students, faculty and staff members, and the Central Coast community at large. It is for anyone interested in providing support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the workplace or other environments.

The training covers topics such as homophobia, heterosexism and the coming-out process, said Maya Andlig, coordinator of gender and sexuality programs in Student Life and Leadership.

“The Respect Zone training also provides a visible support system for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, faculty and staff,” Andlig said.

The Community Foundation grant will also provide funding for speakers and a panel discussion during Cal Poly’s CommUnity Pride Week, an annual event open to the entire community that takes place in mid-May.

Last year CommUnity Pride featured speaker Keith Boykin, special assistant to Bill Clinton and one of the highest-ranking openly gay government officials in history.

For more information on the Pride Alliance, Respect Zone training or CommUnity Pride, contact Andlig at ext. 6-5839.

Position Vacancies

STATE The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on Cal Poly’s online employment system, www.calpolyjobs.org. As a courtesy to on-campus employees, job vacancies are also published in the Cal Poly Report. Positions marked with an asterisk indicate that qualified on-campus applicants in bargaining units 2, 5, 7 and 9 will be given first consideration. To apply, go to www.calpolyjobs.org and complete the online application. Applicants needing computer/internet access and/or assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236 for information on available resources.

STATE 132-Administrative Support Assistant II,* College of Engineering, MESA Engineering, temp., half-time, through 6/30/04, $1,136.50-$1,704.50/month. Closing date: Friday (Aug. 15).

STATE 135-Student Services Professional II, College of Engineering-Advancing Center, temp., 18 hours/week through 3/24/04, $1,427.85-$1,925.10/month. Closing date: Aug. 27.

STATE 139-Career Counselor (Student Services Professional II), Student Affairs, Career Services, $3,173-$4,278/month. Closing date: Aug. 28.


STATE 147-Administrative Support Assistant I,* Student Affairs, Health Services, three positions; temp., intermittent on-call, through 6/30/04, $10.93-$15.84/hour. Closing date: Tuesday (Aug. 19).

STATE 154-Executive Administrative Coordinator (Administrative Support Coordinator II),* University Advancement, $2,789-$4,188/month. Closing date: Aug. 20.

STATE 155-Graduate Programs Specialist (Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Non-Exempt),* College of Business, Graduate Programs, $2,945-$4,711/month. Closing date: Friday (Aug. 15).

STATE 157-Administrative Support Assistant II,* University Advancement, Vice President’s Office, $2,273-$3,409/month. Closing date: Aug. 20.

FACULTY Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

STATE 016-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department (ext. 6-2378). Closing date: Aug. 29.

STATE 0141-Tenure-Track, Full-Time Assistant/Associate Professor(s), Economics Area, Orfalea College of Business (ext. 6-2783). Closing date: Nov. 15.

STATE 0144-Full-Time Lecturer, Speech Communication Department (ext. 6-2533). Closing date: Jan. 16, 2004.

STATE 0145-Full-Time Lecturer (Forensics), Speech Communication Department (ext. 6-2533). Closing date: Jan. 16, 2004.

STATE 0146-Tenure-Track, Full-Time Assistant/Associate Professor(s), Orfalea College of Business (ext. 6-2680). Review begins Sept. 5; applications received after that date may be considered.

STATE 0149-Tenure-Track, Full-Time Assistant/Associate Professor, Music Department (ext. 6-2406). Closing date: Nov. 14.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job title at ext. 6-7107.) All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)

Director, Graphic Communication Institute, $21,178-$61,466/year, part-time or full-time, 20-40 hours/week. Open until filled; review begins Aug. 29.

Alumni big band dance to aid scholarships Aug. 23

The Cal Poly Collegians Alumni Big Band is reuniting to play a dance concert Aug. 23 at the Madonna Inn to raise money for a scholarship supporting student jazz musicians.

The dance concert will run from 7 to 11 p.m. in the ballroom at the inn, featuring the classic jazz and swing hits of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Les Brown and other big bands of the 1940s to 1960s, along with arrangements from more contemporary big bands. The alumni band now includes members who first played in the group from about 1950 to 1963.

Admission is free, but donations for the scholarship fund will be invited.

For more information about the event, call the Madonna Inn at 543-3000.

Rocker Cocker, jazz icon Brubeck to play in PAC

Legendary pop-rocker Joe Cocker will bring his gravelly voice and greatest hits to the Christopher Cohan Center at 8 p.m. Aug. 26. Tickets are $48 and $54.

Jazz pianist Dave Brubeck will play in the Performing Arts Center's Hamman Hall at 8 p.m. Aug. 29. Brubeck's quartet will play both classic and new jazz. Tickets are $38 and $44.

Both are part of the Cal Poly Arts 2003 Center Stage Summer celebrity series.


Cal Poly Report schedule

The Cal Poly Report Digest and the Cal Poly Report online appear every other Wednesday during summer quarter. The final summer issue will be Aug. 27.

Articles for both the Cal Poly Report Digest and the Cal Poly Report online are due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before publication. Articles can be e-mailed to polynews@polymail.calpoly.edu or faxed to ext. 6-6533.

The first issues of fall quarter will be the Fall Conference Monday edition, Sept. 15, and the first regular weekly issue, Wednesday, Sept. 17. The deadlines for those issues will be Sept. 8 and 10, respectively.

See the online Cal Poly Report at www.calpoly.edu/communic. For more information, call ext. 6-1511.