Cal Poly to sponsor program in Thailand

Cal Poly’s Pacific Rim Group is sponsoring a new six-week summer study program in Thailand. The program, open to college students and interested community members, will be held at Silpakorn University at Bangkok and Nakhon Pathon. It will run from June 26 through Aug. 7.

Those who attend can earn 9 units of credit. Humanities and sociology classes will be taught by Social Sciences Department Chair Harold Kerbo, and Thai culture classes will be taught by various Thai professors. Arrangements can also be made for independent studies and Thai language classes.

The cost for the summer program is $2,600 and includes tuition, airfare, lodging in an air-conditioned Western-style hotel, and special tours to sites such as The Grand Palace and Ayuthaya.

Food is not included in the cost, so travelers should anticipate another $200 for meals.

For more information or to sign up, call Kerbo at ext. 2260.

Cal Poly’s Pacific Rim Group is open to all members of the campus community. The group provides information about activities around the Pacific Rim and help in obtaining grants and other resources to support faculty and student exchanges, research, workshops, conferences, teaching, and other educational programs relevant to the Pacific Rim.

Four campuses join in Equine Consortium

Cal Poly has joined Cal Poly Pomona, Fresno State, and UC Davis in an Equine Consortium, offering workshops, seminars, academic courses, and a traveling Farrier Workshop.

As part of the joint venture, an equine exercise and physiology course is being offered at the four campuses this quarter via distance learning.

Plans are underway to offer more courses, including equine nutrition and equine reproduction management.

The program was developed by Djinn Ruffner, a clerical assistant in Extended Education. She organized meetings and met with representatives from each university. Other Cal Poly members of the consortium are Carol Barnes, Extended University Programs and Services; and Mike Lund and Gene Armstrong, Animal Science.

Other members are Robert Bray, W.C. Kellogg Arabian Center, Cal Poly Pomona; Jan Roser, Animal Science, UC Davis; Ann Rodick, Animal Science, Fresno State; Jim Waldsmith, Equine Center, San Luis Obispo; Tracey O’Driscoll-Packard, Cardiff Stud Farms, Creston; and Mike Savoldi, Arabian Horse Center, Cal Poly Pomona.

Memorial service set for Johnson

A memorial service for former Crop Science Department Head Corwin Johnson will be held at 2 pm Saturday, March 4, at the Masonic Temple, King David Lodge, 859 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo. "Doc’s" friends and colleagues are invited to attend.

Johnson died Jan 3. at his home in Boise, Idaho.

Academic Senate accepting nominations

Nominations to the Academic Senate are being accepted for the 1995-97 term. Each college will need to elect senators to fill vacant positions. The election will be held winter quarter. Nominations must include a signed statement of intent to serve.

Vacancies also exist in the following areas:

• The Academic Senate Research Committee and the University Professional Leave Committee need representatives from the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, Business, and Engineering. The Research Committee and the UPLC are elected committees.

• The Program Review and Improvement Committee needs representatives from the colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Engineering, and Science and Mathematics. Members to the PRAIC are nominated by their college caucus and elected by the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

• The Statewide Academic Senate has two vacancies: a one-year position for 1995-96 and a three-year post for 1995-98.

For nomination forms and more information, call the Academic Senate office at ext. 1258, or stop by the Math & Home Economics Building, Room 143. Nominations are due in the Academic Senate office by 5 pm, Friday, Feb. 24.

Cal Poly Women’s Club to attend performance

The Cal Poly Women’s Club invites members of the faculty and staff to join them at the Lubovitch dance performance at 8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Cal Poly Theatre.

For details, call Imelda Gentile at 549-9249.
Middle East Ensemble to perform tonight

The traditional songs and dances of Iran, Egypt, Lebanon and Turkey will be performed by UC Santa Barbara's Middle East Ensemble in a concert at 8 pm tonight (Feb. 17) in Room 218 in the Davidson Music Building.

Directed by UCSB music professor Scott Marcus, the 25-person ensemble will play all the pieces on traditional instruments.

The highly acclaimed group performs regularly for various Middle Eastern communities and university campuses throughout California.

Tickets cost $3 and will be sold at the door. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 2406.

Beckett's 'Endgame' to play Feb. 23-25

Nobel laureate Samuel Beckett's absurd comedy "Endgame" will be staged at 8 pm Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 23-25, in the Theatre.

Beckett, called "the pre-eminent playwright of his time" by The New York Times, considered "Endgame" his favorite among his works.

Theatre and dance professor and "Endgame" director Mike Malkin calls the play a "comedy with intellectual meat on it." And he is giving it a different reading.

"In 'Endgame,' the entertainment exists on many levels," he said. "Not only is it slapstick and shtick, it is reflective comedy as well."

Tickets are $6.50 for the public and $5.50 for students, faculty and staff members with Cal Poly I.D. and for senior citizens.

Lar Lubovitch dancers to perform twice

The Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, a modern dance troupe known for its fine choreography and technically excellent dancers, will perform at 8 pm Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 27-28, in the Theatre.

The program -- the same for both performances -- will include Fandango, featuring "Bolero" by Maurice Ravel; Blue Danube, featuring the "Blue Danube Waltz" by Strauss; and So On Love, featuring five songs by Cole Porter.

Since establishing the company 26 years ago, Lubovitch has developed a distinctive, original dance language based on his personal choreographic vision. The common threads of Lubovitch's choreography have been passion and an original use of movement and space.

Company rehearsal director John Dieger will conduct a pre-concert discussion before each program at 7 pm in Room 218 in the Davidson Music Center.

Tickets for the performances are $20 and $15 for the public and $15 and $10 for students and senior citizens.

Finnish group Varttina to play March 3

Varttina, a nine-member contemporary folk group from Finland that plays to enthusiastic audiences worldwide, will perform at 8 pm Friday, March 3, in the Theatre.

Varttina combines the spectacular voices of four young women with the instruments of "five of Finland's hottest roots and rock musicians." They perform contemporary versions of traditional songs as well as some original compositions.

"With a hint of rockish insistence, Varttina's female vocalists add a strong, sexy spin to freely adapted traditional tunes," Spin magazine said. "Their accompanists deal elegantly with the music's oddball rhythms, hoedown grooves, and heartbreaking harmonies."

The Boston Herald compared them to "a band that's half Hungarian, half Irish and fronted by a Valkyrie choir singing rhythmically in Finnish."

They've also been likened to groups as different as the Bulgarian women's choir and the Swedish rock group Abba.

The group is dedicated to discovering new, more exciting ways of arranging and performing the music of Karelia, the southeastern region of Finland.

Tickets for the performance are $15 and $13 for the public and $13 and $11 for students and senior citizens.

Your letters are invited

Current faculty and staff members are welcome to submit comments on any campus issue for publication in the Cal Poly Report's "Campus Forum." The special deadline is 1 pm Monday. Short letters submitted early are best.

Unless stated otherwise, you can buy tickets to the performances listed in today's Cal Poly Report at the Theatre Ticket Office from 10 am to 4 pm weekdays. To reserve seats, call the AnyTime ArtsLine at ext. 1421.
'Professional ethics, safe technology' topic Feb. 23

"Professional Ethics, Organizational Ethics and Safe Technology" will be the subject of a lecture at 7 pm Thursday, Feb. 23, by Chapman University philosophy professor Mike Martin.

Usually managers and engineers are understood to have separate and conflicting sets of responsibilities. The free talk in Room 213 of the Business Building will focus on an integrated approach to ethics that could lead to safer technology.

Martin, a member of the Chapman faculty since 1976, is the author of two books, "Engineering Ethics" and "Everyday Morality: An Introduction to Applied Ethics." He received an IEEE award in 1992 for his work in furthering professionalism in engineering.

The talk is part of the College of Liberal Arts Forum on Ethics, Technology and the Professions, a universitywide initiative. For more information, call Diane Michelfelder at ext. 2041.

Three PERS members elected to office

Three PERS members have been elected to the PERS Board of Administration: Michael Flaherman, an economist with the Bay Area Rapid Transit District; William Dale Crist, professor of economics at CSU Stanislaus; and Kurato Shimada, landscape-gounds-custodial supervisor with the Oak Grove School District. They began their four-year term in January.

Los Osos names Bowker Citizen of the Year

Rosemary Bowker, a computing consultant in the Biological Sciences Department, was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Los Osos Chamber of Commerce.

She was recognized for her efforts to preserve the El Moro Elfin Forest. Respected as a member and leader in the community, Bowker has served as president of the Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP) group since 1991. Her efforts helped raise more than $1 million to acquire the Elfin Forest.

Bowker, who decided it would be beneficial for SWAP to join the Chamber of Commerce, is also credited with bringing together businesses and the land preservation project.

Women's Studies sets Winter Quarter Potluck

The Women's Studies Program will hold its Winter Quarter Potluck from 6:30 to 8:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 23, at the home of Willie Coleman, professor of ethnic studies.

The potluck is open to all students, faculty, staff and community members interested in women's studies and gender issues.

For directions and more information, call the Women's Studies program office at ext. 1525 or stop by Faculty Office Building Room 25-H.

Ride the bus: save big bucks

All faculty members, staff members and students with a current Cal Poly I.D. can ride the SLO Transit city bus, seven days a week, for free.

Central Coast Area Transit (CCAT) riders can buy a $36 "punch pass" for just $7.50. The passes, sold at the Rec Center Ticket Office, are available at this price because bus fares are subsidized through campus parking citations. Many of the routes are direct to campus and arrive in time for work.

Both city and regional buses have bike racks.
DATELINE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Speaker: Bruce Larkin (UC Santa Cruz) will talk about "The Other Three Nuclear Weapons States: The United Kingdom, France, China." Science A-11, 1 pm.

Baseball: University of Washington, 7:05 pm. Also Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19, at 1:05 pm. SLO Stadium. ($)

Music & Dance: The UC Santa Barbara Middle East Ensemble will perform. Davidson Music Bldg. 218, 8 pm. ($)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Artist's Reception: Mee Rachel Burns, the artist currently featured in the UU Galerie exhibit in observance of Black History Month. 2 pm, UU Galerie.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Holiday: Campus closed in observance of Washington’s birthday.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Speaker: Elie Axelroth (Health and Psychological Services) will discuss "Guiding Our Daughters Through the '90s." Staff Dining Room, noon.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Meeting: Women's Council of the State University planning meeting. UU 219, noon.

Speaker: Gary Dwyer (Landscape Architecture) will give a slide presentation on Vietnam, "Short Voyage in a Long Land." Business 213, 3 pm.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Career Symposium: Company representatives will meet with students and faculty members. Chamash, 9 am. Call ext. 2502 for details.

Forum: "Serving a Diverse Student Population – A Student's Perspective." Erhart Ag Bldg., Room 206. Follow-up presentation set for Thursday, March 9, Staff Dining Room, noon.

Potluck: The Women's Studies Program Winter Quarter Potluck will be held at the home of Willi Coleman (Ethnic Studies). Call ext. 1525 for details. 6:30 pm.

Speaker: Mike Martin (Chapman University) will discuss "Professional Ethics, Organizational Ethics and Safe Technology." Business 213, 7 pm.

Play: "Endgame," Theatre and Dance Department’s winter quarter production. Through Saturday, Feb. 25. Theatre. 8 pm. ($)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Baseball: Fresno State, SLO Stadium, 7 pm. Also Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25-26, at 1 pm. ($)

Play: "Endgame" (see Feb. 23). $