ADVANCEMENT

Private donations help fund futuristic computer lab

The College of Agriculture's futuristic "studio classroom" is up and running, thanks not only to Cal Poly Plan and state money, but to private donations as well.

The total cost of the "studio classroom" is expected to reach about $430,000. Approximately 30 percent of that amount will be funded by private donations, about 40 percent from Cal Poly Plan money, and another 30 percent from state funds.

The lab is equipped with 24 Dow Pentium computers — with two workstations for each student — plus a computer for the teacher. One student workstation faces the lectern for note-taking and observation, the other faces away.

The teacher can log onto the main computer and project lessons from his or her monitor onto a screen for the students to see.

The students can then turn to their own computers and apply the concepts they observed. In turn, the professor can see each student's screen and provide individual instruction in a group setting.

Policy change to Annual Fund program

Cal Poly's Annual Fund program is operating under a new name and a new policy that should increase alumni donations for the university's departments and colleges.

Starting this year, the new Cal Poly Fund approach provides alumni more opportunities to funnel their contributions to the colleges and departments where they received their education.

Under the previous program, alumni often gave donations that were fairly evenly divided between specific programs and the university at large — so-called "unrestricted gifts."

Donations to Cal Poly should increase under the new policy because donors are usually much more generous when they know specifically where their dollars will be used, according to William Boldt, vice president for university advancement.

For more information, call Eric Doepel, director of the Annual Fund, at ext. 6448.

Panel recommends April for student vote on Plan

The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee, without specifying an exact date, has recommended President Baker schedule a student referendum on the plan for the end of April.

Committee members deferred to student representatives, who recommended the latest possible option in order to give students more time to become informed about the Cal Poly Plan.

Baker is expected to refer the Steering Committee's recommendation to the newly formed Fee Advisory Committee for its recommendation.

At its Dec. 5 meeting the Steering Committee also discussed how to select next year's Cal Poly Plan projects. The group expects to set 1997-98 priorities, procedures and deadlines early in winter quarter.

Forum on grad education to continue Jan. 9

The Town Meeting on the "Future of Graduate Education at Cal Poly," which began on Thursday, Dec. 5, will continue from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 9, in the Business Building Lecture Hall, Room 213.

Those who wish to send written comments as a record of some of the discussion that took place can mail them to Susan Currier in the College of Liberal Arts, or send an e-mail message to di647@oasis.calpoly.edu; or fax to ext. 5748.
Rec Sports to offer fitness classes

A variety of fitness and recreation classes, as well as a week of free aerobics classes for all Rec Center members, will be offered winter quarter by Rec Sports.

The free aerobics classes will be held during the first week of winter quarter, Jan. 6-12.

New classes will include lap swimming at Crandall pool and yoga. Free specialty workshops on sand volleyball, racquetball, "aromatherapy," body fat reduction, and "trimming the midsection" will also be offered throughout the quarter.

For schedules and more information, call Rec Sports at ext. 1366.

Denny's coupons available in HR

Denny's restaurant is offering coupons good through Tuesday, Dec. 31, for $5 off any two entrees or $2.50 off one entree. The coupons can be picked up in Human Resources, Adm. 110, between 8 am and 4 pm weekdays.

Foundation staffer wins RideShare prize

Naomi Miller in the Foundation’s Accounts Payable office won the third quarter RideShare Registry Program’s prize drawing.

Miller, a vanpooler from Santa Maria, won a three-day emergency preparedness kit valued at $25.

For information on joining the registry program, call Commuter Services at ext. 6680.

Cal Poly students studying overseas

Sixty-nine Cal Poly students are studying in 11 foreign countries as part of the CSU’s 1996-97 International Programs.

The students represent a variety of disciplines from animal science to architecture, from electrical engineering to English.

They are studying in universities and centers in Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Taiwan.

Approximately 400 students from throughout the 23-campus system are studying at universities and special study centers in 17 countries throughout the world.

For more information, call International Programs at ext. 1477.

Applicants sought for ‘forgivable’ loans

The 1997-98 Forgivable Loan-Doctoral Incentive Program is seeking applicants.

The program is designed to increase the diversity of the pool of people qualified to fill faculty positions at the 23 CSU campuses.

All disciplines will be considered, with priority given to applicants with backgrounds that are underrepresented in the natural sciences, engineering, computer science, and mathematics.

Persons with disabilities are underrepresented in all fields.

The program, which provides a stipend of $10,000 a year, is open to new and continuing full-time students enrolled in doctoral programs at accredited universities during the academic year.

The deadline to submit applications is Monday, Feb. 10. For applications and more information, call Affirmative Action at ext. 2062.

Financial planning topic of seminars

Free financial planning seminars for Public Employee Retirement System members and their spouses have been scheduled by CalPERS.

The seminars will be held in various locations throughout California from January through June.

Topics will include setting financial goals, saving methods, deferred compensation, insurance options, investment concepts, and CalPERS benefits.

Two different seminars are going to be offered: Achieving Financial Independence, a one-day seminar for members whose retirement is at least 15 years away, and Planning Your Retirement, a two-day seminar designed for members who plan to retire in less than 15 years.

Achieving Financial Independence is the only seminar scheduled in San Luis Obispo and is set for Wednesday, Jan. 29, and Wednesday, June 25.

To find out other seminar locations and dates, or for a seminar registration form, call Joyce Haratani in Human Resources, ext. 6562, or send an e-mail message to jharatan (@calpoly.edu). Registration will be on a first-come basis.

Spouses may attend if requested at the time of registration.

Holiday/quarter break food service hours

Vending Cellar is always open.

Friday, Dec. 13
Normal schedule except VG Cafe, Tapango’s, and Lucy’s Too closed.
Sandwich Plant, Lucy’s, Julian’s, and BackStage close at 2 pm.

Saturday, Dec. 14
Campus Store ................... 8 am-5 pm
VG Restaurant ................. 5-8 pm

Sunday, Dec. 15
VG Restaurant ................ 10 am-2 pm & 5-8 pm

Monday-Friday, Dec. 16-20
Campus Store ................ 8 am-5 pm

Saturday, Dec. 21
VG Restaurant ................. 5 pm-8 pm
Campus Store ................. 10 am-5 pm

*On these evenings VG Restaurant will be open in conjunction with performances at the Performing Arts Center.
Two grad students to be in ’97 ‘Who’s Who’

Two Cal Poly graduate students will be among an elite group of students from around the world to be included in the 1997 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

Brian Johnson, a materials engineering graduate student who is graduating this month, and Richard Rerig, a city and regional planning student expected to graduate in spring 1997, are to be included in the annual directory.

Nominated by campus committees, Johnson and Rerig were selected based on their high academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Johnson was a finalist for the annual Outstanding Graduate Student Award. He will begin doctoral studies at UC Santa Barbara in January.

Rerig has played an important part in the reaccreditation process for the City and Regional Planning Department, as well as in searches for faculty members and department heads.

Students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations are included in the book, which has been publishing the list of outstanding students since 1934.

Cal Poly publications available on-line

Don’t forget to check out the online version of the Cal Poly Report the next time you’re on the Web.


While you’re browsing, take a look at the latest edition of the university and alumni newsmagazine, Cal Poly Today, or at The Credit Report, which highlights faculty and staff members’ achievements.

If you want some basic information about Cal Poly and its programs, click on “Quick Facts.”

The Communications Office is always looking for new ways to disseminate information, and the Web is just one method. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Call us at ext. 1511.

Happy Holidays
CPR Schedule

This is the final fall quarter issue of the *Cal Poly Report*. Publication will resume Friday, Jan. 10, and continue every Friday during winter quarter.

Please remember, the deadline to submit articles for inclusion is 1 pm on the Friday before you’d like it to appear.

Mail items to Jo Ann Lloyd, Communications Office, Heron Hall; fax to ext. 6533, or e-mail to polynews@oboe.calpoly.edu.

For more information, call the Communications Office at ext. 1511.

Happy Holidays!

Dateline

Admission charged — $  

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14  
Commencement: The colleges of Business, Engineering, and Science and Mathematics and the University Center for Teacher Education will begin their ceremony at 9:30 am. The ceremony for the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, and Liberal Arts will be at 2 pm, Rec Center Gymnasium.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15  
Academic Holiday: Holiday for all academic-year employees. Through Sunday, Jan. 5.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20  
Women’s Basketball: San Jose State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25  
Holiday: Christmas holiday break. Through Sunday, Dec. 29. Campus will be closed except for needed emergency services.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30  
Women's Basketball: Fresno Pacific, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($)  

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1  
Holiday: New Year’s Day. Campus will be closed except for needed emergency services.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4  
Men’s Basketball: Portland State, Mott Gym, 1 pm. ($)  

Wrestling: Purdue University, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6  
Winter quarter classes begin.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7  
Wrestling: Oklahoma State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9  
Music: Contemporary Music Ensemble Winter Quarter Recital. Davidson Music Center 218, 11 am.  
Men’s Basketball: New Mexico State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($)  

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10  
Wrestling: University of Oklahoma, Mott Gym, 7:30 pm. ($)  

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11  
Men’s Basketball: UC Santa Barbara, Mott Gym, 7 pm. ($)  

MONDAY, JANUARY 13  

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14  
Speaker: Michael Silvestri (Chemistry and Biochemistry) will present “Merit of Cross-Cultural Experience - Life on a Chicken Bus,” as part of the Global Affairs Brown-Bag Lunch Speaker Series. Staff Dining Hall, noon.

Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for the following positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Vacancy information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly home page on the World Wide Web (address: http://www.calpoly.edu; click on “General Information” and “Current Events”).

STATE (Adm. 110, ext. 2236 or job line at ext. 1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm of the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. (No faxes)

CLOSING DATE: Dec. 27  
#77075: Clerical Assistant II, College of Engineering (Unit 7)*, $1507-$1777/mo., 10/12 plan with July and August off with pay.

*Note: For positions marked with an asterisk, qualified on-campus applicants currently in Bargaining Units 2, 5, 7, and 9 will be given first consideration.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7107). All foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxes)

CLOSING DATE: Dec. 20  
Customer Service Assistant, El Corral Bookstore, $1753-$2278/mo.

Hazardous Materials Assistant Equipment Technician, California Specialized Training Institute. $7.92-$10.29/hr.

Hazardous Materials Training and Equipment Technician Lead, California Specialized Training Institute, 12.92 - $16.79/hr.

FACULTY (Adm. 312, ext. 2844)  
Candidates interested in positions on the faculty are invited to contact the appropriate dean or department head or chair. Ranks and salaries for faculty positions are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable) unless otherwise stated.

CLOSING DATE: Feb. 14  
#73040: Assistant or Associate Professor, Food Science and Nutrition Department, ext. 2278. Tenure-track position in ADA-approved program; academic year appointment starting Sept. 15, 1997. Teach courses in nutritional education and communications, using traditional and innovative computer-based learning activities; basic nutrition; and supervision of internships and undergraduate and graduate research projects. Assist faculty in developing computer-enhanced activities for other courses in the major. Professional growth and development in the form of creative scholarly activity leading to new knowledge in one’s field (research, consulting, writing) are expected. Ph.D. (by 9/15/97) in nutrition education and communications or related field, and computer-related multimedia experience required; R.D. desirable. Candidates should have primary interest in teaching. Preference to applicants with relevant college-level teaching experience and research. Publication history desirable.