Neel appointed dean of architecture

Paul R. Neel, longtime Cal Poly professor of architecture and a national leader in his profession, is the new dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design.

The appointment, effective Aug. 15, is for a three-year term at Neel’s request. Neel succeeds G. Day Ding, who was named dean in 1984. Ding resigned his post to pursue building-science research at the national level and expects to return to Cal Poly to teach.

Neel earned a bachelor’s degree in architectural engineering at Cal Poly in 1958. He joined the Cal Poly faculty in 1962, the same year he earned a bachelor’s in architecture from the University of Southern California. In 1969 he earned a master’s degree in building science from the University of Sheffield (England).

From 1968 to 1978 Neel was a director of Cal Poly’s School of Architecture and Environmental Design. He has earned several school awards for his teaching and professional accomplishments.

Neel’s professional activities at both the state and national level have earned him a string of appointments and honors. He has served as California state architect (1989-91), president of the California Board of Architectural Examiners (1986-present), and a member of the National Council for Architectural Registration Boards.

In 1986 the California Council of the AIA awarded him its Distinguished Service Citation, the highest honor it bestows on California architects.

Oregon woman named center director

Dr. Susan Roper, director of the School of Education and Psychology at Southern Oregon State College, is the new director of Cal Poly’s University Center for Teacher Education.

Roper succeeds Dr. Richard L. Warren, who served as interim director for 1990-91.

The center, successor to Cal Poly’s Education Department, was established in September 1990 to bring together in one organization all of the faculty involved in the preparation of teachers. The center will work with local schools to develop effective new ways to improve teacher preparation and professional development.

Roper earned an undergraduate degree in political science from Berkeley and graduate degrees in education from Stanford.

Arvidson farewell

A retirement reception is being planned for Grace Arvidson, who is retiring after 40 years of service. The reception is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 27, from 2 to 4 pm in the Alumni House.

Arvidson began her Cal Poly career in 1951. She has worked in the President’s Office since 1957, assisting the last three chief executives: Julian A. McPhee, Robert E. Kennedy and Warren J. Baker.

Dean Carter resigns; Sabol will serve

Dr. Lark Carter, dean of the School of Agriculture, will step down from the position at the start of the new school year and take a leave to pursue other professional interests.

Carter’s resignation was accepted with regret by Dr. Robert D. Koob, vice president for academic affairs.

A consultative committee to select a new permanent dean is being formed.

Dr. Joseph E. Sabol, associate dean for academic affairs in the School of Agriculture, has been appointed interim dean.

Carter, who has led the school since 1981, will step aside to resume his teaching career as a crop scientist and agronomist.

In addition, he will work on the revision of a textbook he co-authored, and he will look at the possibility of bringing AgSAT to the Cal Poly campus. AgSAT is a teleconferencing program via satellite featuring leading agriculture professors from across the country.

Sabol, a member of the faculty since 1972, earned undergraduate degrees from Mt. San Antonio College and Fresno State University, and a master’s degree in agriculture education from UC Davis.

Sabol was a member of Cal Poly’s agricultural education faculty from 1972 to 1988, serving as department head from 1984 to 1988, and then became associate dean in the School of Agriculture.

Mueller selected

Gerry Mueller has been appointed to replace Grace Arvidson as presidential aide. Mueller has worked in the President’s Office as a secretary since 1984.
Last day to purchase tickets for Landreth retirement party

James R. Landreth, vice president for business affairs, will be retiring Sept. 27. He will be honored on Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at 1 pm with a family-style sit-down meal served at 2 pm at Biddle Park in Arroyo Grande.

Tickets must be purchased by 5 pm today (Sept. 16). For detailed information see Page 1 of the August 22 Cal Poly Report. Questions can be directed to Nancy Raetz-Vilkitis at ext. 2171.

Retirement reception

James Neelands, supervisor of instructional support in the School of Science and Mathematics will be retiring after 34 years of university service. A reception will be held in his honor on Friday, Sept. 27, from 2 to 4 pm in the Staff Dining Hall. A brief recognition activity will occur a little after 3.

Neelands, a 1956 graduate of Cal Poly, has worked in the School of Science and Math since 1957.

Telephone area code changes noted

On Sept. 2 Pacific Bell split the 415 area code (San Francisco Bay area) into 415 and 510. Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Huntington Park, Vernon and Montebello will retain the 213 area code. Both area codes will work from Nov. 2 through May 1. Beginning May 1, calls dialed with the incorrect area code will not be completed.

For additional information, call Telephone Administration at ext. 2671.

New phone numbers

Communications Services and Audiovisual Services have several new telephone numbers for direct access to specific areas.

To reach Audiovisual Distribution call ext. 2212. Audiovisual Media Library is available at ext. 2213. AV Television Production is ext. 2215, and new numbers for Norm Rogers (7196) and Pete Woodworth (7197).

Communications Services Technical Services can be reached at ext. 7467. Dick Tibbetts’ new number is ext. 7681. Ext. 2211 will continue to be the number for the Communications Services administrative offices. Voice mail has been introduced into some areas of the AV/CS operation. Questions can be directed to ext. 2211.

SJ president named

J. Handel Evans, San Jose State University’s executive vice president, has been named acting president of the school. Evans is a former Cal Poly faculty member who served as associate dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design from 1973 to 1978. The 52-year-old architect and administrator will take up his new duties Oct. 1.

Adaptive equipment assistance offered

Instructions and proposal forms for auxiliary aid requests for new employees with disabilities and/or equipment requests for new and current employees with disabilities are available in all departments. The deadline to submit completed proposals is Oct. 1. Proposals must be submitted to the Affirmative Action Office, Adm. 401.

The Assistive Device Equipment/Auxiliary Aid Program provides supplementary funding to defray costs for making reasonable equipment or device accommodations and auxiliary aid to the limitations of employees with disabilities.

Examples of the type of equipment that may be purchased include: braille, one-handed or large print typewriters; talking calculators; telephone amplifiers; telecommunications devices; modified chalkboards; special amplifiers; and special dictation machines. Examples of auxiliary aid include readers, transliterators, drivers and classroom assistants.

Grief support group to begin Oct. 14

Full Circle, a Hospice support group for college-age people, will begin weekly meetings on Mondays from 7 to 9 pm on Oct. 14.

The group is open to individuals between 18 and 30 years of age who are dealing with the issues of death, dying and bereavement. Meetings are scheduled at the University Christian Center.

For more information, call Hospice at 544-2266.

Room change noted

The Affirmative Action Facilitators Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Fisher Science 286 has been changed to UU 204. The faculty workshop will begin at 3 pm, followed by the staff workshop at 4 pm.
Gladys Gray, 83, dies

Gladys Joerger Gray, a well-known local artist and longtime resident of San Luis Obispo, died at a Rancho Palos Verdes care center.

With her husband, Stanton, she was a major contributor to building the San Luis Obispo Art Center. The center's Gray Wing is named in their honor.

Mrs. Gray came to San Luis Obispo in 1946 when her husband became head of the fruit science program at Cal Poly. Stanton Gray died in 1974.

She was the first life member of the Cal Poly President's Round Table. A room in the Cal Poly Alumni House is named the Gladys Gray Room.

Mrs. Gray is survived by a daughter, Gaylia Newcomb and her husband, Alan, of Rancho Palos Verdes; a grandson, Stan Newcomb; a granddaughter, Sharon Newcomb Kumagai; a great-granddaughter, Kate Lee Newcomb; and two sisters, Bertha J. Wolverton and Betty McKinley.

Donations in Mrs. Gray's memory may be made to the instructional program in agriculture in care of the Dean of Agriculture at Cal Poly.

Project FOCUS receives funding

Cal Poly has received a two-year grant award from the U.S. Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. The grant award of $140,000 will be used to carry out the goals of Project FOCUS, a comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention program. The program will be coordinated by Project Director Hazel J. Scott, vice president for student affairs.

Staff and volunteers will operate the FOCUS Center, to be housed at Student Health Services, in conjunction with the Peer Health Education Program. Project FOCUS will enlist the campus community to support a learning environment free of illegal drug use and alcohol abuse. The program will promote an educational campaign to reach students, faculty and staff and will foster a volunteer movement to achieve its goals. Support programs and services for students who are addressing drug and alcohol concerns will also be provided.

The FOCUS Center will open in late October. Individuals wanting to learn more about Project FOCUS may contact Polly Harrigan, project manager, at ext. 5600.

Sexual harassment workshop scheduled

On Monday, Sept. 23, U.S. Office for Civil Rights representatives, senior analyst Robert Scott and civil rights attorney Gayle Sakowski, will present a sexual harassment workshop at 10 am in UU 220 for all sexual harassment advisors and program managers.

A meeting for all sexual harassment advisors is scheduled for 9:30 am, just prior to the workshop.

Career advancement for Cal Poly women

Staff women interested in career advancement are invited to apply for the Professional Enhancement Workshops being presented by Career Power: A Professional Development Program. The program, now in its second year, is designed to enhance the career development of Cal Poly staff women through a series of workshops and seminars.

This year's program, coordinated by the participants in last year's pilot program, is supported by the Personnel and Employee Relations and the Affirmative Action offices.

An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18, from noon to 1 pm, in UU 219. Those who are not able to attend the meeting, but who would like more information and an application, should contact Pat Harris, ext. 2231.

Rideshare week Sept. 23-27

San Luis Obispo County is coordinating Rideshare Week, Sept. 23-27, in conjunction with the California Department of Transportation. Cal Poly will again participate in this campaign. Pledge cards encouraging employees to carpool to work or to use alternative forms of transportation (walking, bus, bicycle) were distributed with the Sept. 1 paychecks. Please take the time to read over the Rideshare information and make a pledge to not drive to work alone on Rideshare Day, Tuesday, Sept. 24. For additional pledge cards, call Elaine Simer at ext. 2234.

Cal Poly operates its own Vanpool Program, with nine 15-passenger vans offering transportation to work for employees from Santa Maria to Paso Robles and all the communities in between. Those interested in riding one of the vans at a nominal expense, should call Transportation Services, ext. 2451.
Summer roundup

(To bring academic year readers up to date, the following summary includes some of the material published during the Summer Quarter.)

Management Professor Dr. Rami Shani has been invited to spend a year as a visiting research professor at the Stockholm School of Economics in Sweden... Four distinguished teachers were selected: Drs. Jay L. Devore, Statistics; Linda H. Halisky, English; Ann Morgan, Psychology and Human Development; James L. Webb, Physical Education and Recreation Administration... James Lewis “Jim” Brock, major benefactor of the Brock Center for Agricultural Communication at Cal Poly, died June 12 in Oxnard... The Publications and Special Events Office was closed and many of its functions were merged with the Publications and Special Events Office to create the new Communications and Special Events Department with Darlene Slack as director... Construction began on the Recreation Sports, Physical Education and Events Center Building... Dr. Laura Freberg, Psychology and Human Development, and Janet Carlstrom, El Corral, have been honored as faculty and staff persons of the year by the C.L.U.B. M.E. D. (College Level Undergraduates Becoming More Enlightened About Disabilities)... Career Counseling Services joined with Cooperative Education and Placement Services to form a new administrative unit called Career Services... The administration of the Student Health Services and Counseling Services departments were merged, under the direction of Dr. Kerry Yamada, and is now called Health and Psychological Services... Former Associate Vice President for Academic Resources Frank Lebens was selected to head the combined divisions of Facilities Administration and Business Affairs... Charlie Crabb, former crop science professor, was appointed to succeed Lebens as interim associate vice president for academic resources... Robert Dickerson was appointed chairman of the Physics Department... Laura Freberg was selected to head the Psychology and Human Development Department... H. Joanne Freeman was appointed chairwoman of the Industrial Engineering Department... John Maxwell was appointed chairman of the Chemistry Department... Lieutenant Colonel Stephen E. Hack has been appointed head of the Military Science Department... Nancy Jorgensen, a counselor in the Counseling and Testing Office from 1959 until 1991, died in Arroyo Grande... Construction is scheduled to begin on the children's center, located in Parking Lot C-1 (across from Alumni House) in late September... Roger Swanson has been assigned campuswide responsibility for Cal Poly commencement... The new Faculty Offices East Building now houses the School of Science and Mathematics dean's complex, Statistics, Chemistry, and Mathematics departments, and 95 faculty offices... Two new CSU trustees have been named: Ronald L. Cedillos of Huntington Beach and Bernard Goldstein of San Francisco State University.

Foundation board meeting scheduled

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Foundation board of directors will be Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 9:30 am in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For further information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Al Amaral (executive director, Cal Poly Foundation) at ext. 1131. A copy of the agenda packet is available for public review at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk (Room 114) and at the Academic Senate Office in FOB 25H.

WOW craft sale

The UU Craft Center will hold a WOW Craft Sale in the UU Plaza from 11 am until 6 pm, Monday, Sept. 16. Unique items and gifts made by students, faculty, staff, alumni, and spouses are on sale. The proceeds from this sale will help support the UU Craft Center.