'Distance learning' comes to Cal Poly

A system for "distance learning" and videoconferencing has been added to Cal Poly's instructional support services.

Accounting faculty member Charlie Andrews was the first to use the two-way instructional video technology. This summer half of the students in Andrews' Accounting 211 course attended a "live" class in the BA&E building, while the other half took the class via remote in Fisher Science.

The system allows interactive transmission of video, voice and data. The package also offers multimedia input from computers, laser discs, videotape, slides, and other sources. Faculty members are invited to observe and try the system. Anyone interested in a "tour" should call Audiovisual Services Media Production at ext. 2215.

Donations support irrigation programs

Two donations worth more than $121,000 will support instruction in irrigation and drainage in the Agricultural Engineering Department.

PG&E's Agricultural Energy Conservation group has donated $100,000 to support training programs in agricultural water and power conservation. The programs are conducted by the university's Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC).

John and Sally Merriam have donated stock valued at more than $21,000 to the Merriam Endowment Fund, which they established in 1981 to support teaching in irrigation and drainage. The gift brings the endowment to a total of $138,000.

The PG&E grant will support a wide range of short courses the ITRC provides to irrigation dealers, farmers, consultants and water districts.

John Merriam taught in the agricultural engineering program from 1958 to 1978 and has become an international authority and proponent for flexibility in the delivery of irrigation water.

The goal of the Merriam Endowment Fund is to establish an endowed professorship for instruction in irrigation and drainage.

Residence hall opened to Cuesta students

Thirty Cuesta College students participating in a new program recently moved into Sierra Madre Residence Hall.

The potential Cal Poly transfer students will have the opportunity to get acquainted with many of the university's resources, and, for a fee, will be able to use the library, Craft Center, and certain other facilities.

The partnership program is possible because of Cal Poly's reduced enrollment. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Housing Office staff members at ext. 1225.

President to speak at Fall Conference

President Baker will be the keynote speaker at this year's Fall Conference general session, to be held at 10 am Monday, Sept. 14, in Chumash Auditorium.

The general session, also including welcoming remarks by other Cal Poly officials and awards to outstanding faculty and staff members, follows the traditional social hour from 9 to 10 am in the University Union Plaza.

Other events during Fall Conference week, which marks the beginning of a new academic year, once again will include school and academic department meetings, faculty retreats, workshops, receptions, and orientation sessions and campus tours for new employees. Several new workshops have been added to the schedule.

This year, the printed Fall Conference program brochures will be distributed to current faculty and staff members through a campus-wide mailing, rather than mailed individually.

Departments are asked to mail a program brochure to any current employee who won't be on campus to pick up a copy before Fall Conference begins. Any current employees who haven't received a copy by the end of August should first contact their department, then call Communications and Special Events at ext. 1511.

One event added to the schedule after the program went to Duplication for printing is a workshop on the multi-criteria admissions program, to be held in UU 204 from 1 to 2:30 pm Monday of Fall Conference week.

Fall Quarter classes begin Monday, Sept. 21.
Solicitation of time for Robert Johnson

Employees are asked to donate sick leave or vacation credits on behalf of Bob Johnson, a building maintenance worker in Facility Services, who suffered a back injury and is not expected to return to work for about six weeks.

A campuswide solicitation is under way so Johnson can remain in full-pay status during his absence. Anyone interested in donating accrued sick leave or vacation credit should contact Dallis Day, coordinator of the solicitation, in Facility Services, at ext. 2321 for the Catastrophic Leave Donation form. All state employees are eligible to donate up to 16 hours total of sick leave and vacation credit per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more.

Heesch honored by Professional Studies

Henry “Red” Heesch, a graphic communication faculty member since 1989, has been chosen 1992 Teacher of the Year in the College of Professional Studies.

Heesch was selected by Dean Harry Busselen on the basis of student evaluation of courses, personal mentoring, and service to the school.

Department, students feted at Gravure Day

The Gravure Education Foundation recognized the Graphic Communication Department and awarded scholarships to two students at the department’s 10th annual celebration of Gravure Day.

Cheryl Kasunich, director of the Gravure Education Foundation, presented the Graphic Communication Department with a plaque for having “successfully developed and demonstrated its capacity for the instruction and advancement of the gravure printing process as established by the Gravure Education Foundation.”

Jeanne Dragan and Gordon Rivera, both graphic communications seniors, received $1,500 scholarships.

Gravure Day is organized by professor Herschel Apfelberg.

Equipment donated to GrC Department

The Graphic Communication Department has received a new folding machine from MBO America of Cinnaminson, N.J.

The buckle folder, valued at $33,000, will allow students to design and fold more-intricate publications.

Students place 1st in landscape contest

A team of Cal Poly Landscape Architecture students won first and third places in the Project Firescape competition to design fire-resistant demonstration gardens in Oakland and Berkeley.

The competition, open to horticulture and landscape architecture programs throughout California, was sponsored by public agencies and professional organizations.

Cal Poly’s winning entries were for a new garden at Oakland’s Lake Merritt Park and a redesign of the gardens at Lake Temescal Regional Recreation Area, which were damaged in the Oakland Hills fire. The designs illustrate how plants can be both beautiful and fire-retardant.

The team’s adviser was Brian Aviles of the Landscape Architecture Department.

Housing employees lend helping hand

Housing Services staff members recently came to the aid of fellow employee DyAnn Nealeigh.

Nealeigh recently moved back into her family’s Atascadero house, after the sudden death of her husband. The house, which had been vacant for a year, was in need of repair. The 30 Cal Poly employees, joined by neighbors and local business people, volunteered to spend a Saturday cutting trees, shampooing carpets, repairing fences, clearing brush and planting trees — including a special “tree of life” dedicated to the Nealeigh family.
Parking permits on sale Aug. 31

Fall Quarter and annual parking permits will be available at the University Cashier, Adm. 131E, on Monday, Aug. 31, through quarter break. Faculty and staff members are urged to buy permits during this time to avoid the long lines that occur during the first week of class.

Permits will also be sold in Chumash Auditorium, where lines are usually shorter, on the first day of classes, Sept. 21.

Permits can also be bought through payroll deduction; those permits are sent directly to participants. Anyone wanting information on the payroll deduction plan should contact Accounts Receivable, Adm. 125, ext. 1711.

Copy card recharge service interrupted

Vacation schedules and recent personnel reductions in the Support Services Department will interrupt the copier card recharge service (VendaCards) next week. There will be no recharge service from Monday, Aug. 24, through Friday, Aug. 28, so departments should check card balances and have them recharged today or tomorrow. VendaCard recharge service will resume in Adm. 127 on Monday, Aug. 31.

Foundation board to meet Aug. 21

The Foundation Board of Directors will hold a regular public meeting on Friday, Aug. 21, at 9:30 am in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124.

For further information or a copy of the agenda, contact Al Amaral, Foundation executive director, at ext. 1131. A copy of the agenda packet is available for review at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk (Room 114) and at the Academic Senate Office, FOB 25H.

Who, What, Where, When

John P. "Phil" Adams, Economics emeritus, served as a member of the Western Economics Association Program Committee and coordinated, organized, and facilitated seven sessions presented by the National Association of Forensic Economics at WEA annual meeting in San Francisco. He served as chair of one session and discussant of another session in the presentation of professional papers addressed to forensic economics topics.

Charles Burt, Irrigation Training and Research Center (Ag Engr. Dept.) recently worked with the World Bank in Mexico to define the steps for modernization of $1.4 billion in irrigation projects. An article by Burt, "Efficient Water Usage in Agriculture," will appear in the Southern California Water Committee's August edition of Update, titled "Strategic Directions for a Reliable Water Supply."

Martin B. Koch, Industrial Engineering, delivered a paper, "Rapid Prototype Casting," at the 1st European Conference on Rapid Prototyping at the University of Nottingham, England.

Alexis Olds, Speech Communication, has been selected to review a new text book, "Interpersonal Communication Competence," to be published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich College Publishers.

Thomas J. Rice, Soil Science, presented a poster, "Environmental Considerations for Serpentine-Derived Soils in the California Coast Ranges," at the 8th International Soil Management Workshop held in Sacramento.

Staff members in the Dairy Products Technology Center have recently written and co-presented several papers: For the 1992 annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association held at Ohio State University, S. Vink, P.S. Tong, N.Y. Farkye, and G.I. Imafidon co-authored "Genetic Variants of Kappa-Casein and Beta-lactoglobulin and Their Effects on Cheddar Cheese Manufacture"; Imafidon, Farkye, and Tong wrote "Effect of High Heat Treatment and Different Acidulants on the Physicochemical Properties of Rennet Treated Milk"; Imafidon, Farkye, Tong, and Vink wrote "Effect of Genetic Variants of Beta-lactoglobulin and Kappa-casein on Proteolysis of Cheddar Cheese." Farkye and C. F. Landkammer co-authored a paper, "Milk Plasma Activity Influence on Cheddar Cheese Quality During Ripening," that was published in a recent edition of Journal of Food Science.

W. G. Geilman presented a paper, "Tapping Into Research Findings to Cope with the '90s," to the California Dairy Industries Association in Davis. Geilman presented another paper, "Dairy Research and Things that Bug the Dairy Industry," to the Southern Division of the California Dairy Industries Association in LA.

George Gowgani, Crop Science, was appointed to represent the California State University on the newly created Pest Management Advisory Committee of the state Department of Food and Agriculture.

FOUNDATION VACANCY

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