Students: This one’s for you

This is the inaugural issue of the Student Edition of Cal Poly Report. With this publication, Cal Poly’s administrators hope to convey timely and pertinent information to you, the student.

Various aspects of campus life will be covered — from budget decisions to class availability, from Greek news to sports issues.

Student feedback is most welcome. This is your publication, and anything you would like to see included will be considered. Send any ideas to Darlene Slack, Director, Communications and Special Events, Adm. 413.

The Cal Poly Report Student Edition will be published monthly during fall, winter and spring quarters.

More classes added to fall schedule

More than 80 core courses have been added to the Fall Quarter schedule. About 60 of them are courses in the College of Science and Mathematics. They include zoology, chemistry, math, physics, physical education and statistics.

The College of Liberal Arts has added more than 20 sections in English, speech communication, political science, philosophy, history, and social sciences.

Open class information is available from any terminal in a terminal lab; an account is not necessary. Simply type in "CPNN" and press the ENTER key at the CALPOLY prompt. Students with AIX and PROFS accounts can also access the information by entering "CPNN" at the system prompt.

The OPEN CLASS LIST option will be displayed near the bottom of the right-hand column on the main menu. Move the cursor to this option and press ENTER again. To locate specific date, use the FIND or COMMAND line at the bottom of the screen. Move the cursor to a COMMAND such as FORWARD, and press ENTER to move ahead one screen. Or, enter the first letter of the command, i.e., f-forward, b-backward, etc., and press ENTER. To search for a class, type the class information on the FIND line, e.g., “ENGL0114" and press ENTER, and all open sections will be displayed.

Enrollment information will be displayed 24 hours a day and will be updated hourly when CAPTURE is active.

NEW CAPTURE FEATURES

A new feature has been added to CAPTURE — a "drop line." Call 756-7888 — not the regular CAPTURE number — to either drop a class or get a list of your classes.

It is expected that grades will be available over CAPTURE, perhaps as early as the end of Fall Quarter.

Message from the VP

Dear Students:

Welcome to Fall Quarter! For many of you, Cal Poly offers the first opportunity to be an independent member of a community away from home. However, being a member of a small community heightens the impact of your behavior on those around you.

San Luis Obispo is a small community, relatively isolated from major metropolitan areas. As such, you play a highly visible and vital role.

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ASI president’s message

School days, school days — yes, they are upon us again; and as much as we love to be here, I am a little nervous as to how I am ever going to fit in school work! No worries, Mom!

ASI should keep me, and all of us, very busy. Look for an awesome year from your student government now that we see the fruition of student support. Our Children’s Center near the Alumni House is open and operating, providing a valuable resource to students as well as faculty and staff with young’uns. And for the young’un in all of us, I am so stoked about the opening of the PE and Rec Center. Come spring it will be the place to be.

Student government will be busy with strategic planning for the corporation’s future. Look for your chance to express your opinion. Our goal is to keep our programs active and in line with the lifestyles of Cal Poly’s student body.

My office is focused on bringing to you the happenings of ASI. Through the various members of the Executive Staff, I hope information will be disseminated to you so that you see where your ideas can become realities. For instance, the city is looking to team with ASI to create a peer-policing program. How do you feel about this concept? What are your questions and ideas? UU 217-A is there to soak up any thoughts you choose to share.

Ten weeks flies, as we all know, so don’t forget to follow the syllabus (hee-hee) and follow the activities of ASI.

Sincerely,
Kristin Burnett
ASI President
Budget cuts spur plan to ‘manage’ enrollment

Cal Poly’s approximately 8 percent budget cut gives new urgency to university plans for “managing” enrollment more aggressively.

An expected dramatic drop in fall enrollment — down 1,300 students to about 16,300 — won’t be enough to balance enrollment and state resources.

The disparity between enrollment and state funding prompted university officials last spring to begin looking for ways to better manage enrollment. Some of the policies being considered could mean big changes for students applying for admission as well as for current students registering for classes. They could also help students get their degree faster.

A task force developing an “enrollment management plan” is expected to deliver its recommendations next spring. The committee includes Academic Associate VP Glenn Irvin, Enrollment Support Services Director Euel Kennedy, Admissions Director Jim Maraviglia, new Student Affairs Associate VP Sue Keihn, Student Affairs Associate VP Roger Swanson, and Institutional Studies Director Wally Mark.

The plan could include such measures as:

- Accepting undergraduate applications only once a year. All students would apply in November, be assigned a starting quarter, and have priority registration for that quarter.
- Using computers to analyze student records to determine exactly which classes students need to take in order to graduate, and then scheduling classes to more precisely match the need. Such a system would help students graduate sooner.
- Asking continuing students to register for a year at a time.
- Asking prospective new students to sign a “statement of intent to register,” in hopes of predicting more accurately how many will attend.

To reduce enrollment this year, the university admitted no new students last Spring Quarter and disqualified about 300 students for failing to meet academic requirements that previously were not enforced.

...Message from VP

role in the welfare of the community. Students contribute significantly to San Luis Obispo’s economic base as taxpayers, employees and consumers. Much student enthusiasm and energy are channeled into programs that directly benefit the community’s welfare. Outstanding examples of these efforts include Cal Poly’s Student Community Liaison Committee, ASI’s Good Neighbor Day, PALS Program, Greek philanthropic efforts, and numerous charitable drives.

Government and community agencies also benefit from various internships and voluntary student experiences offered through the Human Corps program, the curriculum, and individual student initiatives. In a community that is far from pluralistic, students offer a multicultural resource that enriches the lives of everyone.

Your curriculum is challenging and the opportunity to let off steam and relax is a definite need. The underlying factor when fulfilling this need should be the consideration of others. The right of enjoying the breadth of your university experience must always be tempered by the responsibility of preventing your activities from infringing on the welfare of others. I recognize that the vast majority of Cal Poly students are responsible, considerate community members. Unfortunately, the actions of a minority are perceived as representing the majority. Nonetheless, it is the responsibility of ALL students to exercise good judgment and respect the rights of others.

Along with new-found rights come new-found responsibilities. Your educational experience does not end at the classroom door nor at the boundaries of the campus. You are a member of both the Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo communities. These communities enhance and support each other. Both communities share responsibility for addressing issues of concern. I will make every effort to enhance the relationship between students and the community while advocating the rights and responsibilities of students, and I ask that you join me in the process.

Sincerely,
Hazel J. Scott
VP for Student Affairs

Enrollment Support makes changes

To consolidate and improve service, Enrollment Support Services has instituted a number of changes:

- The new Academic Records office, under Director Tom Zuur, includes the former offices of Records, Student Data Systems, Transcripts and Micrographics.
- Jim Maraviglia, director of admissions, will oversee Undergraduate Admissions, Graduate Admissions, Evaluations, Articulation, and International Programs.
- The former Records window is now the Enrollment Information Center (Adm. 222). This combined center for academic records and admissions information will provide all of the academic records services previously provided. In addition, general information on Cal Poly admission and specific information on a student’s admissions status and special admissions programs will be available. The Admissions Office, Adm. 213, will be open 8 am to 5 pm during the first two weeks of each quarter to provide additional assistance.

The Enrollment Information Center was created to better assist the faculty, staff members and students and to eliminate some of the frustration created when people were sent from one window to another.