Cal Poly’s top faculty honor awarded to Russell

Craig Russell, longtime Music Department faculty member, has received the 1994-95 Outstanding Professor award, the university’s highest honor.

As the Outstanding Professor, Russell is a candidate for the CSU Trustees’ Outstanding Professors Award. He joins professors from other CSU campuses who are being recognized for excellence in teaching.

Each nominee will receive $1,000. The two who are judged most outstanding in terms of contributions to their students, academic field, and campus will be selected as 1994-95 Trustees’ Outstanding Professors and will each receive $4,000. The winners will be announced in March 1995.

Russell was selected by members of the Distinguished Teaching Award Committee and the University Research Committee.

Russell has been a member of the music faculty since 1982, teaching such diverse courses as music appreciation, Mozart’s operas, the Beatles and Simon and Garfunkel, music research and writing, music of the ‘60s, and Beethoven.

He teaches all levels of guitar playing, and has given master classes on baroque guitar at the Conservatory of Music of El Escorial and at the Conservatory of Music of Caceres, in Spain.

Russell serves as director of the Mozart Akademie, a series of scholarly activities associated with the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival. He has given a number of presentations as part of the series.

His numerous honors and awards include the 1986-87 Distinguished Teaching Award; Outstanding Faculty Member Award, based on a 1985 survey of students across campus; College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher. 1988; and Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award in 1985 and 1990.

He has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and California Council for the Humanities. He also received the CSU Award for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity; a Fulbright-Hays Grant and Spanish Government Grant.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in classical guitar performance from the University of New Mexico in 1973, a master’s in classical guitar and lute performance, also from UNM, in 1976, and a doctorate in musicology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981.

Astronaut-alum to speak to grads

Robert “Hoot” Gibson, chief of the Astronaut Office at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will be the speaker at Spring Commencement ceremonies June 11.

The 1969 aeronautical engineering alum, who has flown in space four times, will talk to the approximately 3500 graduates about “The 1990s - A Decade of Change.”

The morning ceremony begins at 10 a.m. for the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, and Liberal Arts. Students from the colleges of Business, Engineering, and Science and Mathematics, and the University Center for Teacher Education and the Statewide Nursing Program will take part in the 4 p.m. ceremony.

Little, Marx, Nakamura ‘distinguished’ profs

The three faculty members chosen as 1993-94 distinguished teachers are William Little of the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department; Steven Marx, English; and Raymond Nakamura, Physical Education and Kinesiology Department.

During Spring Commencement ceremonies, they will receive a check for $1,000 from funds provided by the Alumni Association, and at the general session of Cal Poly’s Fall Conference, they will be presented with a plaque.

The distinguished teachers are selected by a committee of five faculty members and two students.

Little has been professor and department chair since 1983. He has served as chair of the Humanities Program since 1986.

Fluent in English, Spanish and French, he has taught classes in Mexican literature, 18th century Spanish literature, the culture and civilization of Spain, Hispanic film, Peninsular Spanish prose, Hispanic literature in the United States, and Spanish language, grammar and composition.

The professor has received a number of grants including two Cal Poly Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Awards, as well as a Cal Poly CARE Research Grant.

Little earned a bachelor’s degree in French and Spanish from Cal State Northridge in 1966, a master’s in Spanish from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1968, and a doctorate in Romance languages from Washington University in St. Louis in 1973.

Marx has been at Cal Poly since 1988. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Shakespeare, advanced composition, medieval and Renaissance literature, and the Bible as literature.
Job service manager to speak June 9

Norie Placak of the California Employment Development (EDD) Department will speak on "EDD — Meeting the Challenge of the Future," at a noon luncheon Thursday, June 9, at Vista Grande Restaurant.

As manager of the S.L.O. Job Service Office, Placak provides local labor market information, unemployment insurance services, and job services that match applicants with potential employers.

The University of Nevada-Reno alumnus is the president of the Central Coast Personnel Association and is involved in a number of other local organizations including the United Way, Private Industry Council, Women’s Network, and Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon is part of a series of events sponsored by the San Luis Obispo chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and Cal Poly's Center for Practical Politics. The series, designed for employees of public and non-profit agencies, is also open to interested members of the community.

For reservations to the luncheon, which costs $7, call the Political Science Department at ext. 2984.

16 Poly Reps selected to represent Cal Poly

Sixteen Cal Poly students have been selected to become part of Poly Reps, the Student Alumni Council.

The new members will join 21 continuing members in promoting the university to prospective students, alumni and friends.

The student representatives visit California high schools and community colleges, give tours of Cal Poly, work to develop alumni ties, and assist in fund-raising efforts.

Poly Reps are selected on the basis of academic qualifications, interviews, and essays.

The new members are:
Margaret Amann, a senior recreation administration major;
Gina Estrada, senior, speech communication;
Lorrinda Everhart, senior, liberal studies;
Charaighn Foss, senior, journalism;
Cheryl King, junior, civil and environmental engineering;
Sue Knaphurst, junior, nutritional science;
Mohammed Ali Malek-Madani, senior, industrial engineering;
Stephen McShane, freshman, soil science;
Monica Phillips, junior, journalism;
Retta Powell, senior, human development;
Jennifer Saxon, sophomore, architecture;
Jon-Paul Stefani, senior, agricultural business;
Ryan Waterman, junior, business administration and history;
Paul Werner, junior, biochemistry;
Jennifer West, junior, speech communication;
Shaur-Hwa Yang, junior, industrial engineering.

In addition, five students were chosen to serve as alternates in the event any of the Poly Reps members are unable to serve. They are:
Jennifer Chang, senior, chemistry;
Carlos Padilla, sophomore, electrical engineering;
Kori Tuggle, senior, agricultural business;
Zachary Banner, senior, construction management;
Creighton Oyler, sophomore, biochemistry.

Poly Reps is sponsored by the Admissions and Alumni Relations offices and the Academic Affairs Division.

Retirement reception

A reception honoring faculty retiring from the Biological Sciences Department will be held from 3 to 5 pm on Thursday, June 9, in Fisher Science, room 285. The retirees being recognized are Harry Fierstine, Richard Krejsa, Rhonda Riggins, Aryan Roest and Shirley Sparling.

All faculty, staff, students and friends are invited to attend.

...Distinguished profs

He has published widely on such topics as “Shakespeare’s Pacifism,” “Northrop Frye’s Bible,” and “The Prophet Disarmed: Milton and the Quakers.”

He has delivered papers on “Humanism, Militarism and Pacifism: The Problem of War in Renaissance Literature,” “Introducing Black Writers in the Western Culture Curriculum,” and “He, She or What? Common Gender and the Pronoun Problem,” at conferences in the United States and Canada.

Marx has received grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and from Cal Poly he has received a CARE Grant and two State Faculty Support Grants.

He earned a bachelor’s from Columbia University in 1963 and a doctorate in English from Stanford in 1981.

Nakamura, a member of the Physical Education and Kinesiology Department since 1980, teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in health education, critical health issues, and drug education.

He has made dozens of presentations on such health issues as drugs, smoking, alcohol, sexually transmitted diseases, mental health, and heart disease to several area elementary, middle and high schools.

From 1989 to 1992 Nakamura organized the Annual CSU Alumni Job Fair, held every quarter in Northern and Southern California. The event brings together CSU alumni associations, alumni and employers and has resulted in thousands of job interviews for CSU alumni.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education in 1966 and a master’s in physical education in 1967, both from Northern Illinois University. In 1979 he earned a master’s in health care administration from DePaul University, and in 1974 he earned a doctorate in health education from the University of Toledo.

Cal Poly has named 96 distinguished professors since the awards program began in 1964.
Harrigan appointed ASI executive director

After a year-long search, the ASI Board of Directors unanimously approved Polly Harrigan as the new ASI executive director, effective July 1. She has been serving as interim executive director since June 1993.

The executive director is the students' direct link between ASI and university administration. As chief administrative officer, Harrigan will be responsible for the financial, legal and administrative management of ASI.

Experience in student development programs and a comprehensive future vision of ASI were a few of the qualifications considered in the selection process, according to Marquam Piros, ASI President.

Recognized nationally for her work on drug and alcohol prevention programs, the U.S. Department of Education chose Harrigan to chair the 1995 National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention in Higher Education, to be held in Washington, D.C.

As president of the Board of Directors of Hotline of San Luis Obispo, Harrigan oversaw fund-raising activities and worked directly with staff members and volunteers in managing the corporation.

Harrigan earned a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation administration in 1979 from the University of Massachusetts and a master's in community organization and planning in 1981 from the University of Connecticut.

Graphic communication to offer minor in fall

The Graphic Communication Department, which has offered a bachelor's degree program since 1946, will begin a minor degree program in fall 1994. Students from all majors will be able to develop the skills and knowledge needed to enter the printing and publishing industry and other related fields.

Students in the minor will learn the basics of printing technology including design technology, desktop publishing, typography, prepress methods and procedures, print reproduction processes, and binding and finishing applications.

They can elect to enroll in such classes as screen printing technology, newspaper and publication management, consumer packaging, and electronic art preparation.

Students will also be able to participate in the department's University Graphic Systems, the student-run and managed printing and publishing company that provides, technical and management experience.

Effective teaching techniques to be offered

Faculty and staff members will be able to learn techniques and strategies for more effective teaching in a course being offered Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. during Fall Quarter.

Don Maas, University Center for Teacher Education, will be the instructor for the course which will teach skills to maximize learning, promote motivation to learn and increase the speed and effectiveness of learning.

Space is limited to 20 participants for the free class. Call ext. 2053 to reserve a space or call Maas, ext. 2587 for more information.

Space available on summer vanpools

There are immediate openings on ALL 10 of Cal Poly's commuter vanpools for the summer months. Vans are available to all faculty and staff at very reasonable rates. A variety of routes and work hours are available, ranging from Santa Maria, Nipomo, Arroyo Grande, Los Osos, Paso Robles, Templeton, Atascadero, and Santa Margarita. For a free trial ride or more information, contact Jacquie Rossi, Commuter Services Coordinator, ext. 6680.

Open house and BBQ at Santa Cruz ranch

All members of the campus community are invited to the 7th annual Railroad Day, Saturday, June 4, at Swanton Pacific Ranch near Santa Cruz.

Hitch a ride on the ranch's steam train from 11 am to 12:30 pm, then grab some grub at the barbecue lunch. Guests will be able to take a van tour and enjoy the spectacular views of the ranch, visit Cal Poly's beef-cattle program, forests, and crop land used for agricultural instruction.

Ranch supervisor Kevin Piper, instructional coordinator Brenda Smith, and dean of the College of Agriculture Joe Jen will present an update of the college's activities at the ranch.

Tickets cost $12 for adults and $6 for children. For tickets and directions, call Elizabeth Ball in Farm Operations at ext. 2548. Checks should be made out to the Swanton Pacific Railroad. Tickets will also be available at the ranch.

Campus bikers participate in Bike Commute Day

Bike Commute Day, held Monday, May 23, in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo Bike Fest, was a success on campus. Faculty and staff were invited to pledge and ride their bikes to campus on that day. A drawing for a free $25 bike tuneup was offered to those people registering their pledge at the Commuter Services office.

The winner of the drawing for the tuneup was Brian Hampson, assistant professor in Food Science and Nutrition.

Thanks to all of you who participated. For further information on alternate modes of transportation to campus, contact Commuter Services, ext. 6680.
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FRIDAY, JUNE 3
Music: Annual Jazz Night concert. Through Saturday, June 4. Theatre, 8 pm. ($)

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
Opera House & BBQ: Seventh annual Railroad Day and Open House at the Swanton Pacific Ranch. Call ext. 5753 for information. 11 am. ($)

SUNDAY JUNE 5

MONDAY, JUNE 6
Meeting: Women’s Council of the State University Conference Planning Committee meeting. UU 216, noon.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9
Luncheon & Speaker: Norie Placik (California Employment Development Department) will discuss “EDD — Meeting the Challenge of the Future.” Call ext. 2984 for reservations. Vista Grande, noon. ($)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
Commencement: The ceremony for the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, and Liberal Arts will be at 10 am; colleges of Business, Engineering, Science and Mathematics, the Center for Teacher Education, and the statewide Nursing Program will be at 4 pm. Mustang Stadium.

Position vacancies
Vacant staff positions at Cal Poly and the Cal Poly Foundation are announced in this column and are posted outside the respective offices. Contact those offices (State: Adm. 110, ext. 2236 or job line, ext. 1533; Foundation Administration Building, ext. 1121). Cal Poly hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All interested persons are encouraged to contact the respective offices to obtain an application. Official application forms must be received by 4 pm of the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. Faxed applications and resumes will not be accepted in lieu of official application.

CLOSING DATE: June 16
(Readvertisement)
Associate Systems Analyst, Communications Services (Unit 9), $3,630-$4,375/month.

CLOSING DATE: June 30
 Disabled Student Services coordinator (SSP IV), Disabled Student Services, $3,350-$4,037/month.

Candidates for positions on the faculty are presently being sought, according to Michael Suess, director of faculty affairs. Those interested are invited to contact the appropriate dean or department head/chair. Ranks and salaries for faculty positions are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

CLOSING DATE: June 17
Lecturer (part-time), English, during one or more quarters of 1994-95. Candidates sought with successful secondary school English teaching experience to work with English education faculty in preparing new secondary school teachers. Experience as mentor teacher, student teaching supervisor, writing and/or literature project fellow highly desirable. Qualifications must include MA (or MA in progress) in English or related field and a California single subject credential.

CLOSING DATE: June 30
Lecturer (part-time), Music, for Fall Quarter 1994. Director of Football “Spirit Band” which provides music at Cal Poly football games, including halftime entertainment (no marching). Two hours rehearsal per week. Minimum of master’s degree in music required or extensive, comparable professional experience. Send letter of application, official transcript showing highest degree attained and 3 references to Clifton Swanson, head, Music Department.

CLOSING DATE: June 17
Lecturers (part-time), Aeronautical Engineering, for either Fall, Winter and/or Spring Quarters, 1994-95. Possible openings to teach courses in aeronautical engineering. B.S. required; M.S., teaching and industrial experience in the discipline preferred.

CLOSING DATE: July 8
Lecturer (full-time), Statistics, for 1994-95. Duties include teaching undergraduate statistics courses. M.S. in Statistics or equivalent graduate level course work. Preference given to candidates with demonstrated excellence in teaching and/or industrial experience involving applied statistics.

Update on updating program career flyers
Departments updating career flyers to reflect changes in curricula for 1994-97 should make every effort to do so before the Fall Quarter rush and demand on the Communications office and Duplication Services.

The Communications office is in the process of phasing out old typesetting equipment. The flyers are being redone in a more readable typeface on PageMaker.

The cost for this service is less expensive than before due to the lower cost of supplies. A single page is only $15.

For more information, call Betty Holland, ext. 1511.

Who, What, Where, When

Sam Vigil, Civil and Environmental Engineering, a commander in the Naval Reserve, was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal in recognition of establishing three Naval Reserve Environmental Engineering Units in San Diego, Norfolk, Va., and Pensacola, Fla. The units provide specialized environmental engineering services, which saved the Navy more than $1 million the first year.

Jan Duffy, Business Administration, has been appointed co-chair of the Employee Rights and Responsibilities Committee of the 19,000-member Labor Section of the American Bar Association.


Ursula Bishop, Minority Access to Health Careers, Science and Mathematics, was appointed to the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission, formed to preserve and improve the quality of health for people in the community.

An article by Richard Thompson, Natural Resources Management, “Demand for an Undergraduate Education in the Agricultural Sciences,” was published in the May 1994 issue of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics.