Baker plans coffee hours for faculty, staff

President Baker has invited a small group of faculty to meet informally with him and Provost Fort Friday (Nov. 4) for the first in a series of coffee hours. Each hour-long session will be limited to about 10 faculty members to give all participants a chance to talk about issues that concern them and to discuss the future of the university. Faculty will be selected randomly with representation from each school. Faculty members who are interested in taking part in future sessions may contact the President’s Office, ext 2111. Efforts will be made to have a diverse group at each session.

In addition, President Baker announced that he plans to schedule a series of meetings with university and Foundation staff personnel. These get-togethers will also be small enough so the president will have a chance to meet each of the participants and discuss issues of interest to them.

National award won by Hispanic students

An intensive program designed to encourage Hispanic young people to select engineering and science as career objectives has won national recognition for a Cal Poly student group.

Developed by the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, the program won the 1983 Outstanding Student Chapter Award in competition with 40 other SHPE campus chapters across the nation.

Cal Poly students in the year-old program have been visiting schools in Arroyo Grande, Santa Maria and Guadalupe. During their weekly visits, they presented programs on careers in engineering and science, tutored, and gave college-awareness workshops. They also joined the Student Academic Services staff in hosting a college-awareness day at Cal Poly for interested high school students.

Advisors to the society’s Cal Poly chapter are Fred Abitia, director of the university’s Cooperative Education Program; Everardo Martinez, director of the Upward Bound Program and Jesus Garcia, district director of transportation for Caltrans in San Luis Obispo.

CSU budget would mean break for students

A support budget to bring technology into greater use by students and faculty, to counter recent years’ program erosions, and to reduce student fees by $90 has been approved by California State University trustees.

Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds said the 1984-85 proposal strikes a fair balance between the education needs of 242,840 full-time equivalent students and concerns about limitations on state funding.

The total requested from the Governor and the Legislature is $1,083,667,373. This is 12.6 percent greater than the $962,371,335 appropriated for support of the 19-campus CSU in the current fiscal year.

Annual student fees would drop to about $602. The first major fee reduction in the system’s history, this would bring fees to within a range allowed by statute and eliminate student fee subsidy of financial aids programs.

Most of the proposed budget increase will address the impact of two years of inflationary costs ($18.7 million), full-year continuation of employee compensation increases going into effect on Jan. 1 ($44 million), the student fee reduction ($25.6 million), special repairs and maintenance (6.4 million), and critical needs to replace instructional equipment ($3.2 million).

However, a major thrust of the budget will be to upgrade CSU computing capabilities — both instructional and administrative — and to enhance technological expertise of faculty and students.

About 5,000 faculty would participate in programs to upgrade their knowledge of computer systems, and a separate program would extend computer-assisted design technology into engineering and computer science classrooms.

Professionals from business, computer science and engineering accepting part-time employment in the CSU would be able to improve their teaching skills under one of the budget’s proposals.

Learning Assistance Centers, relying increasingly on high-technology equipment, would acquire a regular funding base on all campuses. These centers are used by thousands of students in both accelerated studies and remedial programs.

These activities are included in the form of $19 million in program change proposals and $7.5 million for upgraded computing capabilities.

The support budget is one of three financial requests submitted annually by the Board of Trustees. In September the trustees requested $30.4 million in capital outlay for 1984-85. Possible compensation increases will be addressed by trustees in November.
United Givers campaign

The AID-United Givers Campaign on campus is in full swing. AID captains have been appointed and will be contacting all employees in the weeks ahead. The campus campaign will run through Nov. 21.

An AID booklet attached to the fund drive letter was sent to all employees. It included a list of agencies supported by AID-United Givers in San Luis Obispo County. In addition, a supplemental list of participating organizations was attached. Those listed agencies are only a few of the agencies that can be designated. Donors are reminded that their contributions may be designated for any health, youth or welfare organization that is nonprofit and tax exempt as defined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Remember that a donor designation form must be completed with the full name and address of the designated organization.

Driver training classes set

A Defensive Driver Training Program will be held Monday through Thursday, Nov. 7-10. Classes will be scheduled in the morning, afternoon and evening and will last approximately 3½ hours. Staff, faculty and student assistants who have never received Defensive Driver Training cards must attend a class if they wish to drive state vehicles.

Attendance is by reservation in advance, on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited and may be reserved by completing reservation forms available at the Transportation Services Office. For more information, call ext. 2451.

Toys for Porterville project

More students than ever are participating this year in the School of Architecture and Environmental Design's annual toys-for-Porterville project. One hundred students in the school's design courses have begun designing and building educational toys for the residents of Porterville State Hospital.

The hospital has about 1,400 mentally and physically disabled patients, Associate Professor Ken Kohlen said. They are from six months to 81 years old physically, but from birth to four years old developmentally.

This is the seventh year that the Fall Quarter project has been a requirement for some second-year architecture students. In the six previous years, Cal Poly students created a total of about 450 toys for the hospital's residents. The new bundle of toys is to be delivered to the hospital at the end of November.

Students participating this year are in sections taught by Kohlen, Gary Dwyer and Brian Kesner.

Homecoming '83 is upon us

A host of activities from seminars to dinner-dancing to football will mark Cal Poly’s Homecoming '83, set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11-13.

Cal Poly will salute the golden and silver anniversary classes of 1933 and 1958 during this year's Homecoming, as well as outstanding alumni from each of the university's seven schools.

Events scheduled for the weekend are:

- The annual Honored Alumni Reception, Banquet and Dance at 6 pm Friday night in Chumash Auditorium. Cost is $12.50.
- Seminars on home computers, fine wine appreciation, art galleries and canoeing techniques at 8:30 and 11 am Saturday. Each seminar is $10 per person.
- An open house and workshop at the campus Children's Center at 10 am Saturday.
- Tours of the Robert E. Kennedy Library at 11 am, noon and 2 pm on Saturday and at 1 pm and 2 pm Sunday.
- An art show at 3 pm Saturday in the University Union Galerie with a reception that will include music, light refreshments and the artists. "Toys" is the theme.
- A Homecoming Fair (a mini-Poly Royal) Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm adjacent to Mustang Stadium. The fair will include arts, crafts, and booths from various campus clubs and organizations.
- A Western Welcome Reunion Barbeque from 4 to 7 pm Saturday in Poly Grove, north of Mustang Stadium.
- The Homecoming football game at 7 pm in Mustang Stadium, where the Mustangs will host the Portland State Vikings. A post-game reception will cap the evening. Location will be announced.
- The traditional Senior Alumni Breakfast Sunday at 8:30 am in the Staff Dining Room. Cost is $5.
- The first Poly Twirlers' Reunion Square Dance will swing into action at 2 pm Sunday in Chumash Auditorium. The Twirlers plan to make this an annual event.

For more information, contact the Alumni Services Office at ext. 2525.

Lebens begins new job

Frank Lebens, a key member of the academic affairs staff, has been appointed director of operations in the Office of the Provost.

Provost Fort said Lebens' responsibilities will include day-to-day operation of the Office of the Provost. He will also be in charge of resource management, including financial, personnel and facility matters.
Student applications due

The California State University 1984 fall term admission season opens this week, and it is urgent for some prospective students to apply early.

Most of the 19 CSU campuses will be accepting applications for several months, although some undergraduate programs are expected to fill quickly and will not accept fall 1984 applications after Nov. 30.

Cal Poly is no longer designated as an impacted campus, although the campus continues to receive more applications than it can accommodate in many majors. Applicants to Cal Poly should apply during November to be assured of full consideration.

Fee waiver forms available

Information and application forms are available in the Personnel Office for state employees to participate in the fee waiver program. Wednesday (Nov. 9) is the deadline for return of completed, approved fee waiver forms for Winter 1984. Staff who take Cal Poly courses under an approved program of career development, or who have had courses approved as work related, may be eligible for waiver of certain fees.

This deadline has been set to correspond with the deadline for application for admission to the university and so that forms may be processed through the Personnel Office and forwarded to the employee to meet the employee computer assisted registration deadline of Dec. 2.

Who, What, When, Where

Eugene L. O'Connor, Business Administration, testified in Washington, D.C., in July before the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business, on the relationships between small business development centers and small business institute programs. O'Connor is president of the National Association of Small Business Institute Directors.

Judy D. Saltzman, Philosophy, read a paper at the World Congress of Philosophy in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The presentation was titled "American Civil Religion: National Philosophy or Ideology?" in the National Philosophies Section, Aug. 21-27.

Elizabeth B. Anderson, English emeritus, had an article, "Gather Ye Roast Beef While Ye May," published in the October issue of Senior magazine.

Ralph Jacobson, Chemistry, (on sabbatical) is a Visiting Scientist at the W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center in Lake Placid, New York.

Richard Kranzdorf, Political Science, had an article, "Hollywood and Nuclear War," accepted for publication by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. The article discusses the resurgence of Hollywood's interest in nuclear war as shown in the recent film, "War Games."

Del Dingus, Soil Science, is the author of a report on "Revegetation Studies on the Edna, California Tar Sands." The report was made to Phillips Petroleum Co., who has funded the research project as part of $140,000 sponsored program during the last five years.

George Brown, Agricultural Engineering, has been elected to the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Safety Services Committee of the San Luis Obispo Chapter of the American Red Cross. The safety services program is responsible for Red Cross first aid, CPR and water safety courses in the San Luis Obispo County area.

Walter M. Tryon, Landscape Architecture, gave a presentation titled "The Family's Living Environment" at the Fall Workshop of the Tri-County Association for the Education of Young Children (TAEC) on Oct. 15 at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria.

Larry Rathbun, School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, was the keynote speaker at the Fifth Annual Vocational Agriculture Teachers Leadership Conference at Lake Sequoia, Calif., on Sept. 28. His topic was "Strengthening Teacher-Administrator Relationships."

John C. Phillips, Crop Science, attended the annual meeting of the Western Society of Crop Science at Logan, Utah, June 26-30. He served as a judge of research papers presented by graduate students.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Anniversary: Kick-off ceremony for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Cal Poly Children's Center. Memorial continuing through Sunday (Nov. 6). Great Baker, ASI President Jeff Sanders and children from the center. Public invited. ($)

SPELUNKING: Explore Paradise and Palmer Caves in Sequoia National Park, continuing through Sunday (Nov. 6). Great trip for beginners! Sponsored by ASI Outings. Sign up at the Escape Route. Faculty, staff, alumni and students invited. ($)

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Film: “War Games.” Chumash Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 pm. Public invited. ($)


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Canyon Run: Five- and 10-kilometer course run to benefit Lambda Sigma, the Civil Engineering Honor Society. Cuesta Park, 8:30 am. (Pre-registration in UU Plaza through Nov. 4.) Public invited. ($)

Volleyball: Co-ed doubles tournament, continuing through Sunday (Nov. 6). Main Gym, 9 am to 2 pm. Sponsored by Recreational Sports.

Football: Southern Connecticut Mustang Stadium, 1 pm. Public invited. ($) Concert: Windsongs, a classical and jazz quintet, and jazz violinist Jean Luc Ponte. Chumash Auditorium, 7 and 9:30 pm. Public invited. ($) SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Volleyball: Co-ed doubles tournament. Main Gym, 10 am. Sponsored by Recreational Sports.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

End of the 7th week of Fall Quarter. Last day to file notice of intent to repeat a course.

Film: “The King and I.” Mustang Lounge, 7:30 pm. Public invited. (!)

Basketball: Free Throw contest. Main Gym, 7:30 pm. Entries taken at the door, and prizes awarded. Sponsored by Recreational Sports. Faculty, staff and students invited. (!)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Exhibit: Display of children's artwork and photos of children taken by photojournalism students, continuing through Thursday (Nov. 10). University Union Galerie. Sponsored by the Children’s Center. Public invited. (!)

Speaker: Mary Hill, a local accountant, will discuss “Leading a Double Life—Balancing a Career and Family.” UU 204, 11 am. Sponsored by the Cardinal Key National Honor Society. Public invited. (!)

GERMAN TABLE: Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Meet with others who speak German. Sandwich Plant, noon. For more information, phone Frederika Churchill, x 2992. Faculty, staff and students invited. (!)

Meeting: Academic Senate. UU 220, 3 - 5 pm. Faculty invited.

Panel: School of Architecture student panel dealing with a variety of design- and education-related issues. Architecture & Environmental Design 105 (Gallery), 8 pm. Faculty, staff and students invited. ($) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

French Table: Parlez-vous francais? Venez nous joindre pour la conversation le a une heure. Ou? Staff Dining Room.

BOOKS AT HIGH NOON: Roger Osbaldeston (Landscape Architecture) will review The Genius of the Place: The English Landscape Garden, 1620-1820, edited by John Dixon Hunt and Peter Willis. Staff Dining Room, noon. Faculty, staff and students invited. (!)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

University Club: David Warfield (Crop Science) will present a program titled “You Too Can Love a Fruit.” Staff Dining Room, noon. Faculty and staff invited. (!)

HORSEPACKING: Ride into the sunset in the Sierras near Kennedy Meadows, continuing through Sunday (Nov. 13). Food, horses, transportation provided. Sponsored by ASI Outings. Contact the Escape Route, ext 1287. Faculty, staff and students invited. ($) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day: Academic holiday for faculty and students. Work day for 10- and 12-month employees. Compensating time will be accrued at holiday rate covered in applicable collective bargaining contracts. Accrued compensating time can be used on Dec. 30 when campus will be closed.