Harris takes over as EE department head

BY LISA SHIDLER
Staff Writer

Dr. James G. Harris began his new position as head of the Electronic and Electrical Engineering Department.

Harris was named department head Sept. 1 after being recommended for the post by Dr. Hazel J. Jones, former vice president for academic affairs, and Robert G. Valpey, dean of the School of Engineering and Technology, and a faculty committee.

Harris, 62, believes Cal Poly's Electronic and Electrical Engineering department is successful because of its educational approach, which includes emphasis on design and the use of laboratory exercises as educational vehicles. He said he believes two trends show the success of the department. One trend is the increasing demand for Poly graduates, as shown by the number of interviews given, which increase every year, according to Harris.

"The second trend is the increasing amount of applications from students hoping to get into the department. Harris said two to three years ago two students applied for every space open, but last year five students applied for the same space.

Harris said he also believes Poly's department is successful because the quality of students has increased, shown by SAT scores and grade point averages.

Harris said the most exciting part of engineering is the constant change and improvement in technology, but added this also causes problems for his department. As such, the department curriculum, class content and laboratory equipment must continually be updated. As a result, one of Harris' first short term goals is to review the curriculum and improve it as necessary. Other problems seen by Harris include the fact that the department is heavily tenured with very few assistant professors. However, Harris said the problems at Cal Poly are those facing almost all other EE departments at other colleges.

Harris said he is also concerned with long range goals for the department as well as for Poly as a whole. "Cal Poly is ready for a spurt of educational changes and improvements," he said, "but must still remain the traditions that make Poly unique."

One aspect Harris believes Poly should improve is contacts with industry to gain explicit support for programs. In this way, donations of equipment and money, as well as offers of internships for students, would be gained.

Many years of experience precedes his move to Cal Poly. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and his doctorate in 1968 from Syracuse University in New York.

After graduation, he taught full time at Howard University and at Federal City College.

Most recently, Harris was employed by TRW Corporation's Defense and Space Group as the assistant project manager for software development. The new department head is a member of both the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the Society of Industrial and Applied Mechanics.

Political issues take back seat in debate

BY KATIE SOWLE
Staff Writer

The political issue almost took a back seat in the Kurt Kupper/Eric Seastrand debate. The two state assembly hopefuls spent more of their energy arguing over WOW's ties with the John Birch Society and increasing any issue.

An audience of about 70 gathered in the Cal Poly Theater, and gave warm approval to both candidates running for the 59th District assembly seat. Seastrand, a Republican stock broker with little political background, stressed the "common sense" attitude he will take if elected. Kupper, a Democrat, emphasized his years of experience as a San Luis Obispo County supervisor.

Despite a defeat in the state Senate race two years ago, Seastrand is viewed by most as a strong winner in his present bid. But Kupper is giving the Republican a run for his money. And for Kupper, money was a real sore point in the amicable debate. He accused Seastrand of getting most of his donations from out-of-district political action groups, and powerful political influences like the Bechtel Corporation.

With so many donations to Seastrand from the rich, Kupper said, "What we need now is political backing from the bill payers, not the bill collectors.

Seastrand countered by saying the money from the action groups actually comes from local donations collected by the state organizations. "The candidates are not something dark and sinister, but composed of donations from local people," he said.

Another area of the civilized mud-slinging was Seastrand's past membership with the ultra-right-wing John Birch Society. Kupper insisted that Seastrand is "on the edge politically," along with others such as Secretary of the Interior James Watt, Kupper sees Seastrand as too extreme in his conservative views.

The Birch Society tries to simulate solutions to complex problems, said Kupper, "and in my experience, there are no simple solutions." In his opinion, the debate is a tempest at controversy. "Those people are trying to conjure up an issue where none exists," he said.

He explained that he agrees with the main ideals of the conservative group, less government interference with the individual. Seastrand also believes these views are shared by many in this district.

On some issues the two concur. They both oppose an enlargement of the California Men's Colony and an additional prison in the San Luis Obispo area. The two candidates think it would be unfair for the people of this district to carry such a large share of the criminal justice system.

They also agree that California regulations are driving small businesses out of the state. With an improved business climate, Seastrand believes "more jobs will be created, and our tax revenue will increase."

The two disagreed on Proposition 11, however. Kupper is for the bottle deposit initiative, but Seastrand thinks the measure will create more trouble than it's worth.

The plight of the California public school system caused some controversy. Kupper wants an oil severance tax to be set aside for financing the schools. But Seastrand insists more taxes are not the answer and he's against the money in any case, it's just been wasted in unpaid productive work.

The debate was sponsored by the Cal Poly Speaker's Forum and the League of Women Voters.
Tubes rock again as Poly's first concert

Veteran Bay Area rock group The Tubes will return to Cal Poly as the first 1983/84 Concert Committee attraction on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The 8 p.m. concert, scheduled for the main gym, is open to the public over the age of 18. Student tickets, on sale at the University Union, are $7.75. Advance the door price is $8.75.

Public tickets are $9 in advance and a dollar higher at the door. All Nipomo High School and Buellton High School Records locations in San Luis Obispo are selling tickets.

The Tubes appeared at Cal Poly in 1977 in a colorful stage show. Since that time, however, the group has sold its rope and are performing a more restrained, but no less colorful, act.

The Tubes had top-40 hits in the song, "What Do You Want From Life" and "Don't Touch Me There." Since then, the group has moved from A&M to Capitol Records, and released a new LP last year, "The Completion Backward Principle.

The Tubes is comprised of Rick Anderson on bass, Michael Cotten on Synthesizer, Prairie Prince on drums and rhythm section.

REO's second album duller

BY PETER HASS

Staff Writer

As a follow-up to Hi Infidelity, REO Speedwagon's Good Trouble is just about on a par with that six million unit-selling blockbuster of 1980.

This effort lacks punch and the overall production was the best techniques from groups as varied as the Bee Gees and rock group's sound.

Roger Dutrey, Keith Moon, and John Entwistle—collectively known as The Who—who took us down a much more realistic road of adolescence than the Beach Boys with their two-girl-for-every-guy utopia.

The Teenage Wasteland exists as much now as it did 11 years ago when Townshend first pointed it out to us. At the same time a lot has changed in those 11 years. The Pete has grown older, and we've grown older. The country is out of Vietnam, we are no longer in a youth culture and, unlike the generation he led, has fallen for Townshend's album. Townshend, like the generation he led, has fallen from being a leader to being a seeker.

"Communication" is one of the few songs which come across with Townshend's boot-in-the-groin style present on his previous album, Empty Glass. "Communication" also misses the best elements of vocal quality and heavy beat. As a whole this album contains the best vocals Townshend has ever had.

Scratch Producers album

BY PETER HASS

Staff Writer

The Producers, a four man group from Atlanta, debuted last year with a marvelous album called simply The Producers. Here was a band that had borrowed the best techniques from groups as varied as The Who and The Police to produce short, strong power pop songs.

A year has passed, and The Producers' second album on Portrait Records, You Make The Heat, is a disappointment after such a winning first effort.

Instead of 12 concise, snappy, witty numbers like the ones on their previous album, The Producers give us nine longer efforts.

One this one to be a big seller, with its slick packaging and aural quality. However, though Good Trouble is already in the Top 10, word should soon warn fans that the songs aren't as varied as REO's last album. The front's "Keep On Loving You" to break like the generation he led, has fallen from being a leader to being a seeker.

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Poly Notes

"The Sting"
The Cal Poly Chess Club will show the movie "The Sting" Friday in Chumash Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Admission is $1.

Folk Dancing
A Fall Folk Dance Festival is being held 7 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 26 by the Cal Poly Intermen and Folk Dance Club. Included will be folk dances from Greece, Hungary, Israel, Russia and more. The festival will be at the San Luis Obispo Recreation Center at Santa Rosa and Mill Streets. A $2 donation is requested.

ASME Meeting
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will hold its first meeting of the year 11 a.m. today upstairs in the MB Building. Upcoming projects and events such as a Robotics speech, pizza feed, and Morro Bay Power Plant tour will be featured.

SAM Meeting
New members are invited to join the Society for Advancement of Management at its first meeting tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Ag Eng 123. Discussion will include the free membership barbecue Friday and trip to the waterslides Saturday.

ASI Tutorial
The ASI Tutorial Program will begin next Monday, September 27, offering free tutoring in math, science, engineering, biology, English and other subjects. The program is located in Chasse Hall, Room 104 and is open 8 to 7 daily and evenings in the residence halls. Contact Danita Reed at 1256 for more information.

AMA Barbeque
Cal Poly's chapter of the American Marketing Association is holding its first membership barbecue for Friday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. All majors are invited to the barbecue, held in Costas Park. The barbecue is free.

Peace Vigil
Action for Peace will hold a candlelight vigil tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Mission Plaza to express concern over military preparation for nuclear war.

LSA Barbeque
A Welcome Back Barbecue is being planned by the Lutheran Student Association for all new and returning students. It will be held at the Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 Fredericks St. at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 26. A $1 donation is requested.

Yet Sel Meeting
The first meeting of the quarter of the Veterinary Science Club is planned for 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Room 225 of the Ag Building. New students are welcome and there will be a speaker discussing entrance requirements for UC Davis.

Surf Contest
An "Off the Lip Tube Classic" surf contest will be held Saturday by the Surfers at Old Creek, south of Cayucos. The contest is for Men 18 and over and for juniors under 18. The Cost, in $6, with trophies and medals awarded to top finishers. Take the Hondo Drive exit off Highway 1 to Old Creek. The first heat is at 7 a.m. and applications are available at Central Coast Surfboards.

Waterpolo's Back
The Cal Poly Men's Waterpolo Club is starting practicing its practice 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Sinsheimer Pool. The club's first competition will be Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 28, at the Whittier tournament. Call Paul Cason, waterpolo coach, at 544-4769 for more information.

Study Lists
Fall Quarter study lists are available at major departments for students to pick up. The lists show all courses and sections in which the student is officially enrolled. Each student is responsible for the accuracy of the list.

Circle K Membership
The Cal Poly Circle K Club in sponsoring a membership drive. It is a good organization with the objective of providing college students with community involvement and helping those in need. The club meets each Monday evening at 6 p.m. in Room 152 of the Math Building. For more information, contact Donna at 543-7803 or Fred at 543-2382.

Applications are available for the Miss City of San Luis Obispo Scholarship Program at the Chamber of Commerce and Coronado's Restaurant. This is a preliminary for the Miss America pageant. For further information, call the Entries Chairperson - Josee Buttery 541-1390.

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Outdoor lifestyle thrives in SLO

BY SHARYN SEARS

The spectacular Central Coast—where our skyline is not marked by towers of concrete and glittering lights, but by Chaparral Pines and Coastal brush—has an environmentally rich and beautiful landscape.

San Luis Obispo county abounds with recreational activities that can be enjoyed by both the avid outdoors enthusiast and the less athletic person who seeks a physical and emotional outlet from the daily grind.

Break away from your routine for a weekend camping trip; both the Montana de Oro and Morro Bay state parks are within thirty minutes and offer an enjoyable and affordable coastal camping experience.

Montana de Oro has about 40 camping areas available on a first-come, first-served basis. They are "primitive" campsites which include running water and a composting toilet and usually a barbecue pit. On the inland side, Lopez Lake offers camping as well as day use recreation. Sailing, fishing, softball and water skiing are among the activities allowed on the lake. The lake offers 22 miles of shoreline and 359 campsites. Forty-eight sites are available for reservations, which must be made in advance and the rest are on a first-come, first-served basis. Primitive sites are $5 per night; with electrical hookup they are $6 per night. Entry fees for boats, sailboards and jet skis are $3.50 per day. For reservations information, call 549-0219.

Camping gear and supplies need not strain your budget—they can be rented through the ASI Outings Committee, located in UU 112. They offer everything from camping stoves, sleeping bags, and water bottles to backpacks and canoes, and all at rates which ease the pressure on your pocketbook. The Outings Committee also sponsors their own trips throughout the year and welcomes anyone looking for outdoor adventures. Meetings are held Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in UU 112.

If you are new to the San Luis Obispo area and interested in discovering the local geography, the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History offers guided hikes. It is free and requires no reservation. This weekend's hikes are as follows:

Sat., Sept. 25—Marine plants. His native to the Morro Bay estuary will be examined during a hike to the estuary food factory.

Conservation-minded people who wish to recycle instead of throw away may take advantage of San Luis Obispo's own recycling center. Sponsored by ECOsLO, a San Luis Obispo organization serving the ecological interests of this area, the center is located at Prado Road and Highway 101.

Materials accepted for recycling at the center are newspaper, cardboard, paper, motor oil and aluminum. Motor oil should be brought in plastic gallon containers, such as an old milk jug, and may be emptied into five-gallon drums at the recycling site.

Aluminum products will be bought for 25 cents a pound. Aluminum buyers are open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The recycling center is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are unable to make it out to the location, ECOsLO offers several drop-off sites throughout the county. There is one in Baywood Park behind the Baywood News, in Morro Bay it is located just off Morro Bay Boulevard across from the police station. Drop-off sites are also available in other spots in the county and their locations can be obtained by calling ECOsLO at 544-1777.

According to ECOsLO spokesman George Crane, the organization also functions as a clearing house for information about environmental issues. Their office at Palm St. in San Luis Obispo offers a library containing material on various ecological subjects, and particularly those issues pertaining to the Central Coast, such as offshore oil drilling. ECOsLO also offers information on various ballot issues of environmental consequence.

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Grumbles
Before she retires, Pellatton criticizes athletic program

BY DAVE WILCOX

There was no time for gold watches or farewell
tears.

What with the People's
Republic of China women's
Junior national volleyball
team arriving at noon
Wednesday, retiring
Associate Director of
Athletics Evelyn Pellatton
was too busy making sure
every visiting player had a
rose and fresh fruit waiting
in their hotel rooms to worry
about her own departure.

But, before leaving her
clamped office in the
physical education
building for the last time,
Pellatton did take time to
direct a few parting shots
at the Cal Poly athletic
department—where she has
spent the last 16 years
of her career in education.

There have been a lot of
criticisms of the athletic
department, but a lot more
are needed than the
"I'm concerned with the
stability of the athletic
department." Pellatton,
who has seen
Pelletton is leaving her
the department's financial
budget expand from a
meager $800 a year in
1968 to its present
$60,000, blames most of
the department's problems
on financial irresponsibil-
y
Each sport at Poly,
Pellatton explained, is
allocated a certain amount
of money which it
somewhat—by ticket sales,
etc.—must make back. If
the sport falls short of
its financial goal, the its
original budget must be
cut.

"Some sports," Pellatton
said, "spent more than they
had." She declined to
say which sports.

Of course, if the
associate director of
athletics know this
operating is exceeding,
other must know as well.

"The people who know
they are in a position to
act aren't doing anything
about it," Pellatton said.

Along with correcting
the mismanagement of the
budget, Pellatton asserts
that some personnel
changes within the depart-
ment need to be made.

"We need new blood,"
Pellatton said.

The university, accord-
ing to Pellatton, is now
advertising nationwide in
search of a new athletic
director. The current
athletic director, Dick
Heaton, is entering his se-
cond year at that position.

Pellatton says she hopes
whoever the university
hires will have training in
administration and a
financial background.

Overspending on
budgets, though, isn't the
only financial problem fac-
 ing Poly. Pellatton said she
would do away with
athletic scholarships as
they are now because "the
purpose of the scholarship
is changing.

Scholarships, Pellatton
claimed are now handed
out more as prestige sym-
ols than to those who truly
need them. Pellatton ad-
vocates giving "need-
based" scholarships to
athletes who perform well
in school and can show a
real financial burden.

Right now, Pellatton said,
too many athletes who
don't need scholarships
have scholarships.

Pellatton also called for a
little more fairness in the
distribution of scholar-
ships among all the sports,
both male and female.

To encourage greater
alumni support in the
future, Pellatton believes
the athletic department
should start with the
Poly—China volleyball
match to think of retirement, Associate Director of Athletics Evelyn Pellatton
takes time to explain the Athletic Department's needs and shortcomings.

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Pollyannish plan

The San Luis Obispo County Emergency Preparedness Plan is like waking out onto the freeway wearing a blindfold and hoping for the best.

The plan assumes a great deal. It assumes that any emergency occurring at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant can be anticipated and prepared for. It assumes that those in charge of supervising evacuation, broadcasting information, etc., will make no mistakes and react cool and calm in their positions. Amazingly, the plan assumes we would know beforehand of an impending nuclear attack. As if the attacker would be considerate enough to call ahead.

The Pollyannish plan likewise assumes that we, the public, will remain calm and carry out our instructions without attempting to leave the area in a massive, frenzied.

But, most ludicrous of all, the emergency plan assumes there would be a purpose or a need to evacuate.

In the event fissional radiation was released from the reactors at Diablo, people within 10-15 miles would receive 500 rads (unit of radiation) and become prompt fatalities, according to testimony by Michio Kaku, professor of nuclear physics at the City College of New York.

David Pankhouser, Ph.D., geneticist at the University of Cincinnati, has reported that if a single nuclear bomb were dropped on Diablo, approximately 50,000 of 166,000 square mile in the state of California would be contaminated. More than half the state’s population would have to be evacuated. Even with the optimistic assumption its citizens would stay calm, the evacuation of Pismo Beach, directly downwind of Diablo, would take approximately three hours in the event of an accident. Experts report radioactivity could reach the community within one hour. City Planning Commissioner Ed McKenna and others are demanding a fallout shelter for 10,000 persons be built before the plant is opened.

Here at home, no definite plans have been established for evacuating Poly students. We are supposed to meet at three as yet undesignated areas and picked up by as yet undesignated persons. Sounds insane? It is.

The Emergency Preparedness Plan is not only inadequate, it is worthless. It is like trying to stop a gunshot wound from bleeding with your fingers.

Even the sirens, which would supposedly warn us of our impending doom, would be worthless. Several people have reported that they were wearing headphones when the sound system was recently tested, and they did not hear anything but music. At least it would be a pleasant way to die—listening to your favorite album. And what of the deaf? Or those without even the minute chance of escaping by car due to physical or mental handicaps?

Let’s put our energy where it matters. Forget the plan. We can keep the possibilities of nuclear emergency minimal with a very simple action. A nuclear freeze. And keep Diablo closed. Without nuclear power plants or weapons, any plan for a nuclear emergency becomes nonexistent.

The Last Word:

Strike on

If the National Football League players hadn’t gone on strike, I undoubt-..ly would have. It’s tough being a Monday Night widow, and my patience was nearing end.

The NFL—once the instigator of my household fights and the cause of cold leftover dinners in the frig—has decided to save my sanity. The grown men who watch others destroy themselves on Monday nights (and Saturdays and Sundays with an occasional Thursday tossed in...), will have to seek other entertainment until the billion-dollar squabble stops. They may even have to do productive things.

I’ve heard all of the rationalizations. I know the country’s best entertainment and best economy booster will suffer. But I know by economy won’t. My PG&E bills will be smaller and I won’t have to toss out the platesful of dinners that are left to grow cold while Howard Cosell’s voice goes on and on. Strike on, I say.

Jeanette Van Berkel is a senior Journal- ism major and a Mustang Daily copy editor.

Express your love

Stop. Look. They’re all around you—family, lovers and friends.

It’s a shame how fast time will go by. Yet we fail to make good use of the moments and do not spend quality time with those we love the most.

We’re often too selfish with our time. We prefer to do what’s easiest: we talk about things we’d like to do and think about things we’d like to say. But, that isn’t the extent of it.

Yet, it’s difficult, because it makes one so vulnerable to others. It involves a risk which may not have the most desirable outcome.

A woman said to her fiancé, “I need you. You’re one of the most important parts of my life.” And the man said, “I’ve never needed anyone.”

That undesirable outcome can be hard to bear. But to have the peace of mind that you’ve shared your heart openly and honestly is worth it.

Isn’t that what life is all about? Sharing your life with another?

I believe that it’s about time that we all take a second look at how we treat the people who are an important part of our lives.

When was the last time you told your parents, “I love you?”

When was the last time you sat down with a friend and opened up your soul to them?

The one thing in life, which is most important, is the hardest to do: express your love to one another.

Since no one can survive in this world alone, we must reach out to each other.

Stop. Look. And act.

Realize that someday they will be gone.

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