New classes excite students, faculty

By Leslie Stevens
Daily Staff Writer

Students need to look beyond the Cal Poly Catalog to find some of the more unusual classes offered this year.

Chemistry in a studio instead of a classroom, algebra taught by computer instead of a teacher, holistic agriculture instead of medicine—these are just a few of the university’s newest course options.

While some are new, other classes have been reformatted. General Chemistry 124 and 125 have been taught at Cal Poly before, but now they are being presented in a revamped room that has been spruced up with Cal Poly Plan funds.

Chemistry Professor Tina Bailey explained that the new studio room allows chemistry to be taught in a more realistic environment by combining the previous lecture and lab segments. Full Internet and multimedia access is now available to students.

"If they can get to a computer, they can have access to information," Bailey said, emphasizing the importance of computers to students of all majors.

The studio is located in building 38 room 121, a reconstructed home economics room. Instructors use microphones to be heard in the huge room, about four times the size of a regular classroom. The room accommodates 64 students in multiple centers of eight students sharing four computers.

Teaching assistant Jim Michelene explained that students work with new algebra software programs designed to allow them to learn at their own pace on computers. The instructor sometimes does traditional whole-class instruction, but usually students work independently, with teaching assistants providing help when needed.

Cordie Purdy, a nutritional science freshman, is taking the computer-taught classes for about three years and said he enjoys them more successful in the future. "I love to see the light in Christian students' faces," he said.

Volunteers from Gideons International have made it a century-long practice to encourage Cal Poly students to read the Bible and get in touch with Christianity.

By Carrie Gadeus
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You can’t miss them. In fact, you practically run them over on the way into the bookstore. These little green Bibles that are handed out at the beginning of every quarter in the University Union have a story of their own to tell, other than what is written in their "holy" pages.

Since Cal Poly opened its doors nearly a century ago, volunteers from Gideons International, a worldwide non-profit organization dedicated to the spread of Christianity, have been quietly passing out their pocket-size scriptures to anyone who would take them.

Volunteers, often retired professionals like former San Luis Obispo Municipal Court Judge Harold Johnson, find distributing the bibles in the U.U. a delightful and rewarding experience.

Johnson, as well as many of his co-volunteers with Gideons, are dedicated to speaking in churches in order to raise money for purchasing bibles so they may be freely distributed in doctors’ offices, hotels, motels, schools and universities.

Christianity isn’t new to the 69-year-old former judge. He first became a Christian at the tender age of six.

"I walked all the way down from the balcony in a Baptist church in Syracuse, New York to accept the Lord into my life," Johnson said.

As a judge, Johnson served on the San Luis Obispo County bench for 29 years and has taught at the junior high, high school and university levels. He’s also lectured in Cal Poly’s political science department and taught law courses at Cuesta College.

After retiring, Johnson felt inspired to distribute Bibles. He has been coming to Cal Poly for about three years and said he enjoys introducing Jesus to students.

"I know college students get caught up in their studies and don’t take the time to read the Bible," he said. "They need to find out about the truths, which will probably make them more successful in the future."

"I’ve come to Cal Poly a number of times. I love to see the light in Christian students’ faces," he said. Gideons International distributes over one billion Bibles each year in the U.S. and overseas.

We send Bibles abroad, sometimes without the blessing of the ruling power—like Russia, Iran and China. There’s more underground churches in China than anywhere else in the world," Johnson said.

While Gideons International volunteers may have good intentions, potential recipients of their Bibles have mixed emotions.
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CPTV gets the boot
Broadcasts could be held up by move to new studio

Members of Cal Poly's TV station, CPTV, found themselves homeless when they returned to campus this fall. Broadcasting students, including the station's general manager and journalism senior, Alexia Necoechea, were dismayed to learn they were without a studio to tape their newscasts.

"They actually took our studio away from us," Necoechea said.

Communication services staff said CPTV was removed from room 25 in the basement of the Education building to make more room available for distance learning classes.

The CPTV staff will now have to work out of a much smaller room in the Graphic Arts building.

Media Specialist Pete Woodworth said allowing the TV station to use the studio became problematic because all the audio-visual equipment had to be moved out and chairs moved into the room before a distance learning class could be held.

"Because of restricted requests for use of space, it was not compatible for CPTV to remain since the video production equipment takes up a lot of space," Woodworth said.

While members of CPTV knew they were just borrowing the space, which was originally a photo studio, some are upset they weren't notified.

"I was upset since no one contacted me. I thought that if I had found out about this earlier, I could have done something," said Khrystyn Kwak, the station's news director and a journalism senior. "It was kind of unfair for them to not give us that much notice."

CPTV had been borrowing the studio on and off for four years.

"Since we didn't own the studio and were basically borrowing time, they can do whatever they wanted," Necoechea said. "But I don't think they thought about what it would do to us. We're trying to really get CPTV off the ground and let people know we're there."

Necoechea said the first broadcast of the quarter was planned for the beginning of October, but now that projection doesn't look feasible since the class is without the space and setup to train students enrolled in Journalism 353.

CPTV's adviser, King Harris, said he still thinks the first show can be broadcast in the beginning of October, and he said he doesn't feel the class is harmed by not having a full-funded studio.

"We're going to take what's there and get it (CPTV) going," he said. "Just because it's a tiny room doesn't mean it can't work."

Harris said the class, which has eight enrolled students, has been gearing up for production by setting up stories and assigning roles to students. He doesn't think the station needs a big and fancy studio to be successful.

"You're only as slick as your promotion and stories," he said.

While Kwak said last spring she heard that CPTV might be removed from the studio, it wasn't until July that she discovered all the equipment had been moved to the new location.

About half of CPTV's audio-visual equipment was given to the station by communication services, and used while the TV class occupied the studio in the last year and a half.

"I really hope journalism can get another room available," Woodworth said. "We want to support journalism in any way we can. We want them to succeed."

For now the station, which is in its fifth year of broadcasting bi-weekly newscasts on Sonic Cable's public access channel, is based out of room 300 in the Graphic Arts building.

Kwak felt the move represented how many people view the department on campus.

"It just kind of shows where the journalism department is on the totem pole," she said.

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Math 104.

"At first I didn't understand, because I wasn't very computer literate," Purdy said. "But now I like it."

Some previously experimental courses have now become part of the curriculum.

The agricultural department is offering one of these, AGED 407, Holistic Resource Management.

Animal science professor, Robert Rutherford, described holistic management as an effort to change the way we make decisions so that we are considering environmental, economic and social considerations at the same time.

The course is designed to encourage people to solve problems in a different way by looking at the effects on the whole ecological system, not just its parts.

Student response to the previous experimental class was enthusiastic, according to Rutherford. Many told him they appreciated having a course that would really mean something in their lives.

Because the Holistic Management class is not contained specifically in any curriculum or general education requirement, students are largely unaware of its existence. For students belatedly trying to CAPTURE classes, spaces are still available.

For students interested in journalism and agriculture, AGED 407, Agricultural Publications, is offered as part of the new agricultural communications minor. Professor Scott Vernon said the class is designed to look specifically at agricultural publications by both commercial and nonprofit organizations.

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Where are the courses we paid for?

Editor,

Attention California Polytechnic University students! The future is now! Advances which we would have scoffed at months ago are here and in use! Rejoice, for the future is here. Phooey you say. I see no flying automobiles, fanciful devices or powerful robots preparing me an egg-salad sandwich. Look closer to home, the advances are at Cal Poly.

Remember money? The stuff with which you acquire other stuff. Cal Poly has revolutionized the whole concept. Here is an example: I have fond memories of going to an establishment and giving the proprietors money in exchange for a good or service. Money for a couple of pens, or maybe the deed to my house for a textbook at El Corral. In short, I gave and they received.

What Cal Poly has realized is that they can get me to willingly donate money and receive neither a good nor a service in return. The economic principles which we have all grown to love are obsolete.

In theory, the agreement is money for an education. People at the top of the Cal Poly hierarchy found that even though I won't use any classes, I still need to provide them with money. Too easy a grotesque paradigm of getting things in return, boys and girls. It turns out that this is the old way of thinking. Remember the hassle of getting transcripts for us. The amount of time you could probably graduate one day? It is a thing of the past.

Now some of you out there are dismissing me as a complainer. You are thinking: "Nobody can get the classes they want; instead of whining, why don't you come up with a solution?"

My response to that is: I shouldn't have to come up with a solution. The way it works is that I pay for classes, and in return they are available. I can't remember the last time I went to the supermarket and said to the manager: "Here is a couple of hundred dollars. I want the best of whatever you don't actually have. Pretend to look busy looking for it while I sit here and pretend like I'm going to get it."

I expect to graduate from college one day. I hope that I won't be supplementing my tuition costs with Social Security benefits. It would only take one little, tiny change to make me, and a legion of other infuriated students, happy.

Here is my dangerously revolutionary suggestion: Make enough classes available so that we can attend some of them.

I expect to get what I pay for. I have paid for a college education. College educations are rumored to be effective in the procurement of jobs. To get a job I must have classes and then a diploma.

Nobody gets their classes, but I don't see that much concern. When you are promised something, I think you should get it. Accepting this situation as the norm is silly. We must demand a greater availability of classes.

I have got to go now so I can get it. The waiting is destructive. If the society is not bound by any rules, humanity has put themselves through a system of laws to suppress some of their natural tendencies in order to stay together in a strong human society.

In September of 1965, amidst the historical Civil Rights movement for equal opportunities, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that left the way open to 68 percent of college-age blacks to attend Berkeley Law school for the fall of 1997 plummeted 6 percent. It is a very early example of what kind of equality Affirmative Action has carried for the past three decades.

It is like what philosophers call "positive freedom." For example, the animals in us are fully capable of, and desire to reproduce at, a very early age. We have morals and laws to restrict ourselves from getting married or having sex. When we start feeling the need to do so. The waiting is necessary because the humanization of animals has developed to a degree of complexity that it can only withstand when its social units, families, are headed by those whom we define as mature adults. In being withdrawn from the freedom which animals inherently have, each of us is actually given more freedom in the long run.

It is similar to what we have all gone through when our parents and the government made us go to grade school, taking away from us the freedom to choose what to do in a school day, just to ensure that we will have more freedom later in life.

It is long-term freedom that we must pursue because absolute freedom is short-lived and self-destructive. If the law is not bound by any rules, everybody is left free to do whatever they choose to do. Positive freedom with adjustments is ultimately the optimum choice. And to acquire that, the human race has put themselves through a system of laws to suppress some of their natural tendencies in order to stay together in a strong human society. Discrimination is a direct creature of generalization, of what we do every day to gain experience and survive. It is necessary because we do not have enough time to find the individual characteristics of everything we encounter. For example, when you stick with a brand name because you had a good experience with a few of their products, you discriminate against other brands. When you choose to continue to go to school because you have witnessed the success a degree can help to bring a person, you discriminate against wage-earning workers.

Throughout the more than 200 years since this immigrants' nation came into existence, we have been holding dear to our heart that all men are created equal.

Today, it is the responsibility of our generation to provide the meaning of equality for generations to come.

Every American ethnic group has been and will be fundamental to the American success in protecting every single one of them is essential to preserve the American civilization. That is why we advocate equality.

Absolute equality is easy to obtain; laws and government need to be color-blind. The flaw of the solution is that we do not have a color-blind society and we never will. However, we are the oldest democracy in the world because we know how to change.

Now we need positive equality, equality with adjustment. The question of how much of an adjustment is still open to be evaluated, but there must be adjustment. True and lasting equality can only be achieved in our society when we implement an affirmative means to protect our minorities against discrimination. For all its setbacks that need to be amended, Affirmative Action is the closest means that we have within reach.

Vinph Pham is a computer engineering junior.
Nishan Havandjian, journalism department head, said he wasn't aware of the move because he wasn't on campus during the summer and was not consulted about it beforehand.

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Norm Johnson, director of Communication Services, said CPTV's move from the studio wasn't an attack on the journalism department.

"The course had trouble getting students, it was not well supported," he said. "We were guests who were basically told to 'shoo,'" he said. "He wasn't on campus during the term by doing it." Necoechea said.

"The studio was in a room 25 was one of three rooms in the Education building that had been revamped for use as multi-media and distance learning facilities, along with rooms 24 and 213--the large lecture hall known as the "rotunda" or "silos."

"All of the facilities are being upgraded and expanded," Johnson said. "The studio was just one small piece of that."

While members of CPTV regret the loss of the studio, they are looking toward the future with a positive attitude.

"We should have (a studio) by the end of the quarter. We are going to have newscasts, but it might be from a makeshift studio," Kwak said.

After a meeting Wednesday with Harry Sharp, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Harris, Havandjian, Necoechea and Kwak, tentative plans were made for the station's new home.

Kwak said a makeshift studio will be set up in room 300, and future plans may include giving the station a space in the Graphic Arts building for a CPTV office and production room.

"In the long run, I think it will probably be better because it will be our room and no one can kick us out," Kwak said. "But right now, we're not really stable."

As for expanding operations in room 300, which would require about $8,000 to have a complete studio, there isn't a consensus about when it might happen or with what funds.

While the station gets most of its funding from Instructionally Related Activities money which is subsidized with student fees, the journalism department also helps the station buy equipment:

Necoechea said the station's budget is under $8,000 a year.

Sharp said the college isn't obligated to pay for the station.

"I hope we'll be able to help them, but it was clear from the start of CPTV, that the station would have to (fund it) themselves."
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his last season. Gartner said he is not sure how the loss will affect the team’s efforts on game day.

Holmes said the team is starting to roll right now and that players have a better attitude.

Holmes also said he is confident after the wins in San Diego and thinks the team is ready and able to beat Gonzaga, especially at home.

“We’ve turned things around. We started off horrible — one win, five losses — and we could have given them up and we didn’t. I don’t ever see this team giving up,” Connell said. ‘Home games are really important. You come into our stadium and you are going to get punished.”

Both Holmes and Connell see strengths and weaknesses playing against a challenging competitor such as the Bulldogs. Holmes said one weakness is team players’ sizes, but added that each player makes it up with quickness.

“One of the weaknesses has just been being able to play for 90 minutes. We seem to mentally lapse for five minutes and we get punished. It has happened in our first few games,” Connell said.

He said a strength has been the team’s strong togetherness.

“We have a great team right now with good chemistry, which has been pulling us through some of these big games,” Connell said.

Just two seasons removed from a NCAA play-off berth, the Mustangs have more to work with, including a strong senior class.

“The team has more than one goal to score,” Gartner said.

Junior Martin Haynes leads the team, “The loss to San Jose State was very frustrating,” Gartner said. “We were clearly the better team.”

Gartner noted that Cal Poly has played only one home game so far. Gartner said the rest of the schedule should be less demanding because the team will not travel as much.

In order to keep improving, Gartner said the Mustangs have to concentrate and focus during all 90 minutes in each game.

Assistant Coach Glenn Fens added that this year there is no go-to guy who can get the needed score compared to years past.

Junior Martin Haynes leads the team with four goals and senior Tony Chacon has assisted on two goals and three assists. No other Mustang has more than one goal so far this year.

The Mustangs also have senior goalkeeper Greg Connell to count on. Connell has a high 1.87 goals against the average, but that is more due to his team’s style of play.

‘I think he’s one of the best goalies in the UC system,” Fens said. “We are offensive-minded so we take risks on defense. That often leaves Greg to make a lot of saves.”

The team’s original goal was to have a winning season and make the NCAA tournament with an outstanding record, Gartner said.

With ten games left on the schedule, a winning record is still possible, but not an outstanding one. Likely, the only way Cal Poly can make the playoffs is to win its division of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

The conference season opens Oct. 3 at No. 8-ranked USC. It is a crucial contest for Cal Poly, as is the Oct. 5 game against UC Santa Barbara.

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feeling the loss of those who graduated, according to Crawford. Along with the returning team members, Crawford said some of the new team members have already made an impact on the team.

Standouts on the team include freshmen Jennifer Sparce and senior Lori Fancos, Crawford said.

Flynn, a sophomore transfer, said it has been an adjustment coming from a junior college team to Cal Poly. She said the team is very promising.

The cross-country teams head to the Stanford Invitational this weekend.

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After tomorrow's last nonleague game against USF, the Mustangs next 14 matches will all be against Big West opponents. Starting with ninth-ranked UCSB, the team will also have to play second-ranked Long Beach State and 10th-ranked Pacific. Cal Poly was 7-9 in conference play and lost to Idaho in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament last year.

"Santa Barbara is very, very good," said Schlick of Saturday's match-up. "All of their starters are back from last year, and we anticipated in pre-season that they would be in the top 10 in the country."

The Mustangs' keys to success, according to Schlick, are ball control and pursuit of defense to make better opportunities for offense. Statistically, the team is in the top five among Big West teams in every major category including hitting percentage, assists, kills, blocks, digs and aces.

"We have good team chemistry and effort level," senior Stephanie Rumsey said. "We work really hard, and we have to stick together to continue to play and try to step up to Idaho in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament this year."

With sophomore Jessica Roden out for the season with a knee injury, Schlick has used a variety of players to fill her starting role, looking mainly to junior Melissa Pierce, and most recently, at the Classic, once at the Cal Poly Invitational in early September and most recently, at the University of San Diego Invitational.

"Jill (Butt) is a good setter," Schlick said. "Lex has just done a little better. She (Lipana) has a better manner of consistency of execution and more experience.

Defensively, the team is lead hy sophomore Karri De Soto and junior Truba Jensen in the middle, and two true freshmen in outside hitters Hathaway and Cyndi Piers.

"Joe (Roden) was a primary pass and a big block," Schlick said. "Luckily, we have some other people who can do the job."
Cross country runners pick up their pace

By Andy Joseph
Daily Staff Writer

Another season is under way for the Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams. With three meets completed, head coach Terry Crawford said the men's team has shown some improvement.

"We're making progress," Crawford said. "I'm pleased with the men's team. They're running well and are off to a good start.

The men's cross country team finished fourth overall at the Fresno Invitational last Saturday. The Mustangs finished with a combined 112 points for the day. Brigham Young University finished first, followed by Utah and Fresno State.

Leading the way for Cal Poly was freshman Ryan Hayes, who finished 12th overall in a time of 26:30. Also finishing for the Mustangs was Dave Mitchell in 36th, Chris Venson at 21st and Mike Herdmann in 54th.

According to Crawford, junior Greg Pedler, senior Jody Tavener and junior Darren Holman are also running strong.

Crawford said one of the major strengths of the men's team is that the runners are placing very closely. "They are running very tight and finishing within 50 seconds of each other," she said.

On the women's side, Melissa Flynn paced the Mustangs with a 22nd place finish overall in leading Cal Poly to seventh with 202 team points. Megan Goddard was close behind in 27th, crossing the line at 19:36. Also finishing were Rowena Spence in 46th place and Kristy Long in 60th.

The women's team features many new runners and has been

Men's soccer strives to overcome its struggles

By Katie Kurthaus and Jeffrey Joe
Daily Staff Writers

As the clock strikes 7 p.m. tonight, a team who will run, dribble and pass the ball until the buzzer ends the game will take the field at Mustang Stadium. The Cal Poly Men's Soccer team faces Gonzaga in the second home match of the season.

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The Cal Poly women's volleyball team will play two very different teams this weekend.

The first, the University of San Francisco, comes into Friday's match at Mott Gymnasium with a 3-10 record and has beaten Cal Poly seven straight times.

Although the Mustangs are keying in on the Big West match with Santa Barbara, they are trying not to overlook the USF Lady Dons.

"We're not taking USF lightly," senior Amy Aberle said. "We're going to come out strong.

USF has lost two of its matches to top-20 competition Hawaii and Arizona. Their three wins have come over Morgan State, St. John's and Yale University. Offensive, they are led by junior outside hitter Jaime Schopf who has taken more than 400 swings this season with 130 kills. Schopf also has 150 digs to her credit. In the middle, the Mustangs will have to deal with senior middle blocker Jeanette Sargenti, who has 10 solo blocks and 36 assist blocks.

Cal Poly will counter Sargenti in the middle with sophomore middle blocker Kari De Soto. De Soto is second in the Big West in blocks per game and has 21 solo blocks to go with 43 block assists. De Soto will also help on offense, ranking top on the team in hitting percentage.

Look for freshman Melanie Hathaway to take a lot of swings from her outside hitter position. A "Volleyball Magazine" Fab 50 selection last year, Hathaway has led the team in kills for the last three matches and hit .562 in the Mustangs' win over UCLA last week.

"USF has decent size and a number of new people in their lineup," Cal Poly Head Coach Steve Schlick said. "They can be good but their record shows that (they have been inconsistent.)"

UC Santa Barbara has both size and a number of seasoned veterans in its lineup. At setter, the Gauchos will be led by Tanja Hart, who sets for the German national volleyball team. Hart has over 500 assists this season and a conference-leading 13.18 assists-per-game average.

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The Mustangs are already at the halfway mark in the season. They are coming off two big road games at the MetLife Classic Tournament where they defeated San Diego and UC Santa Barbara to win the tournament. Connell and Gartner agreed they are glad to be back home tonight after a 15-day road trip.

The Mustangs lost senior Seiji Sato in the San Diego game for the rest of the season due to a broken leg. Gartner said that it is a devastating loss for the team, and said it is hard for the senior, who wanted to show his stuff in