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## Two campus groups win President's Diversity Award

The annual President's Diversity Award this year recognized two campus programs for outstanding contributions to university diversity.

One award was given to the Connections for Academic Success program, which partnered with colleges, Admissions and the University Diversity Enhancement Council to advise and help retain hundreds of diverse students.

A second award was given to the Minority International Research Access (MIRA) Program, which has brought more than \$1.1 million to campus to underwrite the international research experience of 10 students annually.

The President's Diversity Award recognizes those who have contributed in special ways to creating a campus where diversity is supported and cel-

ebrated. At this year's recent award presentation, President Baker commented that the growing number and quality of nominations is evidence of the university's steadily increasing awareness of and commitment to diversity.

In part through the continued good work of the University Diversity Enhancement Council, chaired by College of Liberal Arts Dean Harry Hellenbrand, diversity issues are assuming a place of growing prominence in the university's ongoing conversation about goals and values, Baker added.

The award includes \$1,000 for each program, and the two programs will be memorialized on a perpetual plaque honoring their contributions as well as the contributions of past and future awardees. □

## Engineering's Rainey named for national honor

Paul Rainey, associate dean of the College of Engineering, has been named a Fellow Member of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).

Rainey will be recognized for "outstanding contributions to the society" at the group's annual awards banquet June 25 in Nashville, Tenn.

"It's an organization that I really believe in, so it's a welcome honor," said Rainey, an ASEE member since 1979 who has twice been elected to its board of directors. "Because it allows engineering educators from all over the country to share ideas on current teaching methods and learn about new equipment, the work of the society fits in perfectly with what we do here at Cal Poly."

Founded in 1893, the ASEE is dedicated to promoting and improving engineering and technology education. Included among its 12,000 members are college deans, professors, students and

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## Engineering faculty, staff honored for excellence

The College of Engineering recognized outstanding faculty and staff members at its recent annual Awards Banquet. Two outstanding staff awards and a faculty advisor award were presented, along with three industry-sponsored awards.

In addition, two professors from other colleges, one from Science and Mathematics and one from Liberal Arts, were honored.

Materials Science Associate Professor Kathy Chen won the \$2,000 Northrop Grumman Excellence in Teaching Award, Materials Engineering and General Engineering Associate Professor Lanny Griffin received the \$3,000 Northrop Grumman Electronics Systems Excellence in Research and Development Award, and Environmental Engineering Associate Pro-

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## Landscape lecturer Ragsdale wins coveted Rome Prize

A member of the landscape architecture faculty will take up residence in Rome this fall as one of 31 winners of the 107th annual Rome Prize Competition of the American Academy in Rome.

Lecturer Joseph Ragsdale won the award for a proposal to study the relationship between the material surfaces that make up the city of Rome and the "source landscapes" of those materials – industrial sites, quarries and working communities.

Ragsdale will spend 11 months in the Italian capital living and working with the other 2003-2004 winners at the American Academy's 11-acre site on Rome's highest hill.

The other winners include architects, landscape architects, visual artists, writers, composers, historic preservationists and scholars with interests ranging from the ancient world to modern Italy.

"The Rome Prize is considered one of the most significant accolades offered in the design and arts fields," said Richard Zweifel, interim dean of architecture and environmental design. "Joe's receipt of

this award puts him in the company of internationally recognized leaders in the arts and humanities."

Previous Rome Prize recipients include composer Samuel Barber, writer Ralph Ellison and architects Michael Graves and Robert Venturi.

Rome has lived with its environment for more than 2,500 years, Ragsdale said, and he hopes to find, in studying that relationship, new ideas for solving some of the problems found in America's contemporary urban landscape.

He describes his project as investigating "two landscapes linked by production – one a source landscape of extraction and the other, a surface landscape of additive urban form. The city of Rome and supporting landscapes provide rich lessons for us to better understand how our own depleted landscapes can be regenerated and rundown industrial areas revitalized."

Ragsdale's professional work has included involvement in the site landscape

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for the Getty Center in Los Angeles, design for the plazas and waterfront at San Francisco's PacBell Park, and, most recently, work on urban revitalization projects and Superfund toxic cleanup sites in several states.

Ragsdale has been teaching at Cal Poly since January 2002. Before that he taught at the University of Virginia, where he earned his master's in landscape architecture in 2000. He earned his bachelor's degree in landscape architecture at UC Berkeley in 1991. □

## Free fruit tasting Saturday

The College of Agriculture will host a free fruit tasting Saturday (June 21) with more than 30 varieties of fresh plums, apricots, cherries, nectarines and more. It will be held 1-5 p.m. at the Crops Unit.

The event, sponsored by the California Rare Fruit Growers, the Horticulture and Crop Science Department and the university's Crops Club, will include fruit from the Dave Wilson Nursery. Fruit to be sampled includes peaches, nectarines, plums, apricots and cherries, including several newly developed varieties not yet officially named, according to event organizer and Professor Emeritus Joe Sabol.

The Dave Wilson Nursery is a major producer of fruit trees for home planting as well as for commercial fruit producers. □

## Poly Canyon featured on Discovery Channel

The student-built experimental structures in Poly Canyon were featured Tuesday (June 17) on the Discovery Channel series "It's Christopher Lowell."

The canyon was part of a show titled "Follow Your Dreams" that could be repeated in coming months.

The show's producer, 1986 journalism graduate Carrie Olson, said, "It was a joy to work with the students and faculty involved. And, as a Cal Poly broadcast journalism alum, it was especially fun for me to come back to campus and direct this segment. It celebrates Cal Poly's 'learn by doing' philosophy as illustrated through Poly Canyon and the interdisciplinary creativity of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design's very talented students." □

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industry representatives. The grade of Fellow is the society's highest distinction.

Rainey, who earned his doctorate from Texas A&M University in 1981 and has been a professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering at Cal Poly since 1987, said his involvement in the society is ongoing.

"I've been asked to run for VP (vice president) of Member Affairs for 2004," he said, "and I will, gladly."

More information is available on the World Wide Web at [www.asee.org](http://www.asee.org). □

## Engineering faculty, staff

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fessor Yarrow Nelson received the \$3,000 Raytheon Excellence in Teaching and Applied Research Award.

The engineering student body selected the recipients of the Outstanding Achievement in Teaching awards and Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award. Teaching Award winners were Physics Professor Ronald Zammit, a Cal Poly veteran of 17 years, and English Lecturer Joel Westwood.

Donna Aiken won the 2003 Outstanding Club Advisor Award for her mentorship of the College of Engineering Ambassadors Program. The college's Outstanding Staff awards were given to Cheryl Hahn, administrative analyst for the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, and Byron Smith, Computer Science Department equipment and software specialist. □

## Library moves collections

More changes are under way to integrate and streamline services at the Kennedy Library. Most of the Government Documents and Maps collections were moved to the first-floor Reference area. Additional relocated collections include documents from the State of California, California cities and counties, and agricultural experiment stations.

Materials related to the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, the maps and atlas collections, and selected U.S. documents were also moved. Assistance with Government Documents materials will be provided at the Reference Desk on the first floor.

For more information, contact Sharon Fujitani, interim head of government documents and maps, at ext. 6-1105 or [sfujitan@calpoly.edu](mailto:sfujitan@calpoly.edu). □

## Position Vacancies

**STATE** The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on Cal Poly's online employment system, [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://www.calpolyjobs.org). As a courtesy to on-campus employees, job vacancies are also published in the *Cal Poly Report*. Positions marked with an asterisk indicate that qualified on-campus applicants in bargaining units 2, 5, 7 and 9 will be given first consideration. To apply, go to [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://www.calpolyjobs.org) and complete the online application. Applicants needing computer/Internet access and/or assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236 for information on available resources.

#100094-Clerical Assistant (Administrative Support Assistant II),\* Student Affairs, Student Community Services, temporary through June 30, 2004, \$2,273-\$3,409/month. Closing date: Thursday (June 19).

#100102-Facilities Worker I, Administration & Finance, Facility Services, internal recruitment, two positions available, temporary, six-month appointment, \$3,192-\$3,880/month. Closing date: Friday (June 20).

**FACULTY** Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://www.calpolyjobs.org) to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

#100073: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Liberal Studies Department (ext. 6-2935). Closing date extended to July 15. □

## Cal Poly Report schedule

This is the first summer quarter issue of the *Cal Poly Report Digest*. During the summer, the *Cal Poly Report Digest* and the *Cal Poly Report* online will be published every other Wednesday.

Additional issues will be published July 2, 16 and 30 and Aug. 13 and 27.

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