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President OKs change to four-unit standard

President Baker has approved an Academic Senate resolution establishing four or more units as the standard for courses at the university.

While strongly supporting the resolution, the president said he is aware that Cal Poly, with its high concentration of laboratory and field activities, will have to make special efforts to bring about a change in its current curriculum containing many two- and three-unit courses.

"In approving this resolution," Baker wrote to the Academic Senate, "it is my intention to initiate a process that will explore scheduling templates that minimize class conflicts and create appropriate blocks of time for laboratory instruction."

He also asked the senate for advice "on acceptable ways to structure the student contact time for the various modes of instruction used on the campus."

The senate resolution states that standardizing courses to four or more units will benefit both students and the faculty.

Changing from a predominantly three-unit curriculum to four units, which is the standard base at institutions on a quarter-system calendar, will mean that students can take fewer courses each term and be able to give each class greater attention, while maintaining or increasing the total number of credits they earn each quarter.

The total number of units required for a degree will not increase with this change, although the total number of courses required for a degree will decrease.

Faculty members, having fewer preparations each term, can concentrate more on each class, and by teaching fewer students, instructors can provide each of them with more personal attention.

The resolution noted that courses that offer fewer than four units may be desirable in activity or laboratory classes, supervision courses, orientation and library classes, and lecture and lab sections that are taken concurrently but listed separately in the university catalog.

In addition, departments can request that classes be exempted from the standardized course unit requirement by appealing to their college curriculum committees, according to Harvey Greenwald, senate chair. Recommendations from college committees will first go to the senate Curriculum Committee and then to the senate for a final recommendation, Greenwald said.

Appointment

Roxy Peck, head of the Statistics Department, has been named associate dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, effective Aug. 30.

Peck has been on the Cal Poly faculty since 1979.

The associate dean's position has been vacant for three years.

Committee seeks advice on faculty instruction

Anyone who completed the Maintaining Teacher Effectiveness course with Don Maas before fall 1994 is asked to call Janice Engle at ext. 5935. The Faculty Instructional Development Committee needs your input on a faculty instructional development project.

Organizational theorist to keynote conference

Internationally recognized educator and organizational theorist Terry Deal, perhaps best known as co-author of the 1982 book "Corporate Cultures," is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for a June educational leadership conference at Cal Poly.

Deal is to speak on "Reviving the Spirit" at a June 26 dinner and will lead an all-day seminar, "Presenting Common-Sense Strategies for Reviving the Spirit in Your Organization," on June 27.

Beverly Showers, national and international consultant on improving schools, is scheduled to guide a day-and-a-half workshop on "Leading School Change Efforts" June 28-29.

The deadline to register for the full Summer Leadership Institute or just the keynote dinner is Monday, May 13. Deal's and Showers's participation depends on sufficient enrollment.

The conference, titled "Changing the System, Changing the Culture, Changing Ourselves," is designed for school administrators and other educational leaders.

The cost to attend the complete conference is \$115. To attend the dinner and Deal's keynote, the cost is \$30. Attending the June 27-29 seminars but not the dinner costs \$100.

The institute is being organized by Cal Poly's Extended Education program in collaboration with the University Center for Teacher Education, Cal State Bakersfield, and regional and statewide educational associations.

For more information, call conference coordinator Rita King at the University Center for Teacher Education at ext. 1576. To register, contact Conference Services at ext. 7600.

The institute may be taken for two units of academic credit for an additional fee of \$70.

Ballroom Dance Club to hold car wash Sat.

The Cal Poly Ballroom Dance Club is holding a fund-raising car wash Saturday, May 11, at the corner of Santa Rosa and Mill Streets, from 10 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$4. A free hot dog comes with advance ticket purchases, available by calling 783-2571.

Profs Estes, Huston to read tonight

Two English professors who have gained recent national attention for their writing, Angie Estes and Paula Huston, will read from their work at 7 pm Friday, May 10.

The program, part of the WriterSpeak-Poly Voices series, will be in Room 213 in the Business Building.

Estes will read from "The Uses of Passion," a collection of poems of erotic and aesthetic passion that a critic called "elegantly composed," "artfully restrained," and "uncommonly wise."

WriterSpeak Director Kevin Clark describes Estes as "a deft and mesmerizing reader who speaks softly and yet renders a loud message."

Huston will read from her recent novel, "Daughters of Song," a psychologically penetrating and sometimes eerie story of a pianist's relationship with her art and with the world at large.

Estes and Huston will answer questions about their writing and teaching after the presentation.

The program is sponsored by the English Department, Cal Poly Arts, and the College of Liberal Arts.

Mystical Mexican healing topic of May 20 talk

A recent Cal Poly history graduate will examine a late 19th century mystical Mexican healing practice in a talk on campus on Monday, May 20.

Marian Perales will discuss "curanderismo," focusing on the life and experiences of Teresa Urrea, a "curandera" who began healing in Mexico in 1889.

The program, the last in the spring quarter Women's Studies Lunch-Time Seminar series, is to begin at 12:10 pm in the Staff Dining Room.

Thousands of people from Mexico City to Los Angeles sought Urrea's healing during the course of her life. Exiled from Mexico in 1892, she continued to practice in larger U.S. cities until her death in 1906.

For more information call the Women's Studies Program office at ext. 1525.

May 22 health fair to look at healthy diet

"Healthy Eating" will be the topic of a health and wellness fair to be held Wednesday, May 22, from noon to 1 pm in UU 220.

The unstructured event, sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program, will allow employees to browse a variety of materials and talk to representatives from local health food stores as well as local dietitians. Door prizes, including dinner for two, plus gift certificates and trial memberships to health clubs will be given away.

Crafts Center to offer free 'throwing'

The ASI Crafts Center will open its ceramics facilities for 24 hours of free pottery-making May 16-17, and everyone is welcome to give it a whirl.

ThrowFest '96 will begin at 8 pm Thursday, May 16, in the Crafts Center in the UU. Clay will be free. Proceeds from a small firing fee will benefit the San Luis Obispo Art Center's Youth Art Scholarship and the Denise Waters Scholarship funds.

Call ext. 1266 for more information.

Springboard Job Fair set for May 23

Thursday, May 23, is the date for this year's Springboard Job Fair coordinated by the Career Services office.

Themed "Gear Up for the Future," the event will provide students and alumni with access to employment opportunities with more than 95 companies. Companies attending will have vacancies that appeal to majors from all six colleges.

An open forum will be held from 9 am to 1 pm in Chumash Auditorium. Students are invited to bring resumes and make contact with company representatives. Employers have the option of conducting on-the-spot interviews or scheduling individual appointments for the afternoon.

A Job Fair Bulletin will be available in Career Services on Monday, May 20, listing employers and job opportunities available.

"Preparing for a Job Fair" workshops will be held in Career Services on Tuesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 16, from 11 am to noon. Students may attend either workshop.

Fellowships available for equity grad program

Applications are being accepted for the Graduate Equity Fellowship and Mentor Program, designed to encourage underrepresented students with bachelor's degrees to pursue and complete graduate studies.

Students selected can receive up to \$4,500 per academic year, depending on financial need. Eligible students must be underrepresented graduates with a 3.0 GPA. Those accepted must:

- Carry a minimum of eight graduate-level units per quarter.
- Qualify as California residents.
- Demonstrate a minimum financial need of \$1,000.

The Graduate Equity Fellowship Program is funded by the CSU and Cal Poly and is administered by the Graduate Programs office in collaboration with the Financial Aid office.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 15. For more information, call Becky Powell at ext. 2328.

Cal Poly Arts, YOPAK name 'Primary' winners

A third-grade class from North Oceano Elementary, a sixth-grade class from Atascadero's Monterey Road Elementary, and their teachers are the winners of the 1996 Primary Arts Award given by Cal Poly Arts and YOPAC - Youth Outreach for the Performing Arts Center.

YOPAC, founded by the private Foundation for the Performing Arts Center, is now affiliated with the Performing Arts Center on campus.

The annual Primary Arts Awards were established to honor arts awareness and appreciation in grades K-6 in county schools.

Students recognized for community service

Four students and a student organization were honored for service to the community.

The President's Awards for Outstanding Community Service and the Emerging Service Leader's Award are designed to:

- Recognize student groups and individual students for outstanding service to their community.
- Inspire groups and individuals to address unmet social needs in San Luis Obispo County.
- Encourage students to enhance their education by involvement in programs that allow them to investigate, organize and lead activities without career pressure.

Matthew Freeby, a senior in biological sciences, and Christian Devaux, a senior in biochemistry, won in the individual category in this year's President's Award for Community Service.

Freeby was recognized for his three-year commitment to a boy in Poly Pals, service as a San Luis Obispo city soccer coach, and work with junior high students in the SMART! (Science and Math are Really Terrific) program.

Devaux has volunteered more than 1,000 hours with such organizations as Sierra Vista Hospital, SMART!,

and the Flying Samaritans, which helps supply an orphanage in Mexico with food, clothing and medicine.

The President's Award for Community Service went to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society for mentoring and tutoring students at the Santa Ynez reservation since 1991. They expanded the program to include American Indian students in Santa Maria to work on a project to build a Chumash seacraft, the Tomol.

Stephen Bennett, a freshman social sciences student, won the Emerging Service Leader's Award for tutoring and recruiting other students to tutor in the middle school homework club, for working on the History Day event and on canned food and holiday gift drives.

English and philosophy senior Ann Pistacchi won the Special Merit Award for volunteering during the last year as a crisis counselor at the San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter, where she worked after hours; for teaching and counseling at Planned Parenthood; working as a domestic helper for a disabled elderly person; and serving as copy editor for a project at San Simeon State Park.

Thirteen other nominees, who have contributed additional thousands of hours to the community, were also recognized at the ceremony, where President Baker presented the awards.

Commuter Services sells summer youth bus passes

Commuter Services is selling summer youth bus passes, which allow elementary, junior and senior high school students to ride on regional buses (CCAT), San Luis Obispo city buses (SLO Transit), Five-Cities buses (SCAT), and Paso Robles buses (PRCATS).

The passes cost \$15 for 15 weeks from Memorial Day through Labor Day (Saturday, May 25, through Saturday, Aug. 31).

To buy a pass or for more information, call 781-4472 or ext. 6680.

Children's swimming to be taught in summer

Recreational Sports will be teaching children's swimming and introduction to competitive swimming this summer.

The lessons are 40 minutes Monday through Friday for two weeks. The first session begins June 24.

Four regular swimming sessions costing \$38 and open to children 4 to 12 years old will be offered to children of all skill levels. They will be held in the Rec Center pool.

Introduction to competitive swimming will be offered to swimmers who have passed the Rec Sports swim program skill tests. The class is designed for those who want to perfect their stroke, learn to dive, and do some endurance swimming. The class, open to children 8 to 14 years old, costs \$30 and will be held in Crandall Pool.

For more information or an application, call Mauri Taylor, summer programs coordinator at Rec Sports, at ext. 1366.

Dateline

Admission charged — \$

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Exhibit: Graphic Design Show. Through Saturday, June 1. University Art Gallery, Dexter Building.

Speaker: Judy Saltzman (Philosophy) will talk about "Plato and Vedanta: Tradition or Imagination?" UU 220, 3:10 pm.

WriterSpeak-Poly Voices: Poet Angie Estes (English) and novelist Paula Huston (English) will read from their work. Business Bldg. 213, 7 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Music: Cal Poly Wind Orchestra Spring Concert. Chumash, 8 pm. (\$)

MONDAY, MAY 13

Finer Womanhood Week: A celebration of scholarship, service and sisterly love sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Various activities throughout the week. Call 542-5751 for details.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Speaker: Curt Borchardt (certified financial planner) will discuss "Take Control of Your Personal Finances." Staff Dining Room, noon.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Speaker: Poet Philip Levine will read from his work (Fisher Science 286, 7 pm) and give a talk titled "On First Looking Into John Keats's Letters." Theatre, noon.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Job Fair: Achieving Success at a Job Fair. Career Services Bldg. 224. 11 am.

Resource Fair: Singer Jill Knight will perform and a variety of groups will provide information and education about the prevention of HIV and AIDS and violence against women. Event kicks off Take Back the Night and the Cal Poly display of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt (beginning Friday, May 17). UU Plaza, 11 am.

Take Back the Night: Music, refreshments, speaker and a protest march. Chumash, 6:30 pm.

Play: Theatre and Dance Department's production of "Fools" by Neil Simon. Also on Friday and Saturday, May 17-18. Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

ThrowFest: Everyone's invited to try pottery making during a 24-hour benefit to help the San Luis Obispo Art Center's Youth Art Scholarship and the Denise Waters Scholarship funds. Craft Center, UU, 8 pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Display: The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display in the Rec Center from 11 am to 10 pm. Continues on Saturday, May 18, from 10 am to 10 pm, and Sunday, May 19, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Baseball: UCS, SLO Stadium, 7 pm. Also on Saturday & Sunday, May 18-19. (\$)

Play: Theatre and Dance Department's production of "Fools" by Neil Simon. Also on Saturday, May 18. Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for the following positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Vacancy information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly Home Page on the World Wide Web (address: <http://www.calpoly.edu>; click on "General Information" and "Current Events").

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7107). All foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxes)

CLOSING DATE: May 24

Transportation Specialist, Applied Research and Development Facilities and

Activities, \$2239-\$2911/mo. Temporary through June 30, 1997; continuation subject to funding. Will assist in the conduct and evaluation of transportation research projects.

CLOSING DATE: May 17

Program Coordinator, Pacific Rim Group, \$2239-\$2911/mo. Temporary through Aug. 30, 1996; continuation subject to funding.

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FACULTY (Adm. 312, ext. 2844)

Candidates interested in positions on the faculty are invited to contact the appropriate dean or department head or chair. Ranks and salaries for faculty positions are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable) unless otherwise stated.

EXTENDED CLOSING DATE: May 24

#63075: Lecturer Pool (part-time), Industrial And Manufacturing Engineering, ext. 2341. Possible temporary part-time positions available as determined by need during the 1996-97 academic year. Eligible candidates should be capable of teaching in areas of IE including: facilities planning, work measurement, simulation, operations research, industrial systems, human factors, engineering economy, project management; and/or MfgE including: machining, welding, foundry, electronics. Must possess at least a B.S. or M.S. in engineering. To apply send resume, 3 supporting letters of recommendation and Cal Poly application referencing recruitment code 63075 to H. J. Freeman, chair, IME Dept..

CLOSING DATE: Sept. 1

#63099: Head of Cataloging Dept., Kennedy Library, ext. 2345. Senior Assistant/Associate Librarian rank; 12-month tenure-track position in a technologically innovative library, available 1/1/97. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience (\$41,676 minimum). Qualifications: ALA accredited M.L.S. degree and five years progressive cataloging experience in an academic library, including management experience. Knowledge of and experience with an on-line public access catalog and other automated systems, including OCLC and Innopac. Master's degree in subject field (or equivalency) required for tenure-promotion. Submit letter of application, resume, and names/addresses/telephone numbers of three professional references to: Office of the Dean of Library Services, Kennedy Library; re-

fer to recruitment code #63099. Expanded job description available from <http://www.lib.calpoly.edu>.

CLOSING DATE: June 7

#63103 and #63104: Division I Men's And Women's Assistant Basketball Coaches, ext. 2923. Intercollegiate Athletics is seeking applicants for two women's assistant coaches (Coaching Specialist classification, \$39,360, and Coaching Assistant classification, \$30,140, recruitment code #63103), and two assistant men's coaches (Coaching Specialist classification, \$43,680, and Coaching Assistant classification, \$30,313, recruitment code #63104); 12-month appointments, available immediately. Assist with all aspects of a Division I program. Undergraduate degree required. Coaching experience at the NCAA Division I level preferred. Demonstrated ability in recruiting, public speaking, commitment to academics and NCAA rules compliance required. Send letter of application with list of three references and resume to: Alison Cone, senior associate athletic director, Intercollegiate Athletics (refer to appropriate recruitment code number, 63103 or 63104). Positions open until filled; for full consideration, applications must be received by closing date.

CLOSING DATE: Aug. 1

#63102: Tenure Track, Environmental Horticultural Science/ Crop Science (Assistant/Associate Professor - Integrated Pest Management), ext. 2279. Full-time academic year position with joint appointment between the EHS Dept. (80%) and the Crop Science Dept. (20%). Teaching EHS courses in advanced pest management, foliage plant production, and abiotic plant problems; and assisting with programs in Crop Science Dept. Advise students and supervise senior projects and enterprise projects in EHS. Ph.D. in horticulture or related field is required. Flexible starting date of fall quarter 1996 or winter quarter 1997. Send resume and three references to Dave Wehner, department head, EHS Dept..

CLOSING DATE: May 24

#63105: Lecturer Pool (part-time), Journalism Dept., ext. 2508. Possible temporary part-time positions anticipated during the 1996-97 academic year (including summer 1996), to teach advanced news editing and reporting, radio and TV broadcasting, photojournalism, and advertising. B.A. in journalism or related field required; Master's preferred. Extensive professional media experience essential. Previous college teaching experience required.