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Women engineers' society chosen 'best'

The National Convention for the Society of Women Engineers recently named the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo section as the "Best Student Section" in the United States. Chosen from 245 groups, the 400+ member organization received a standing ovation and \$1250 in grants.

Cal Poly is the first non-Ph.D.-granting university to be recognized in the 16 years since the award's inception. The National Society of Women Engineers is dedicated to making known the need for women engineers and encouraging young women to consider an engineering education. The Cal Poly section is open to both men and women, focusing on leadership, development and team-building.

New salary cap for Medicare tax

The Social Security tax (FICA) is currently deducted from employees' paychecks at the rate of 7.65 percent, of which 1.75 percent represents Medicare tax. The state contributes an equal amount. For 1991, the maximum taxable earnings for Social Security is \$53,400; however Medicare tax deductions will continue until taxable gross earnings exceed \$125,000. This change was instituted by the federal government effective Jan. 1, 1991.

Retirement planning workshops scheduled

A representative from the Public Employees' Retirement System

(PERS) will be conducting Retirement Planning Workshops for members during the week of Nov. 4 in San Luis Obispo. Issues to be discussed include retirement planning, the retirement process, post-retirement considerations, and the retirement allowance calculation with an emphasis on selecting the best retirement date. The workshops will be approximately one hour long.

Attendance is by reservation only. To reserve a space, call the PERS Los Angeles area office at (213) 620-4430 by Oct. 11.

CSU ranks high in fund raising

Six California State University campuses are ranked among the top 10 of public comprehensive universities nationwide in total amount of private gifts received in 1989-1990.

Among 151 universities surveyed, four CSU campuses led the nation: San Diego State with \$10.8 million; CSU Long Beach with \$10.6 million; Cal Poly with \$10.4 million; and CSU Fresno with \$7.9 million. Cal Poly Pomona was ranked seventh with \$5.6 million and San Jose State University was ninth with \$5.2 million.



Van pool program

Would you like to try a new way to get to work that has everything...comfort, convenience, economy and relaxation? Contact Transportation Services at ext. 2451 for more information regarding the van pool program.

Carter reception

There will be a reception today (Sept. 26) from 3 to 5 pm in the Ag Sciences Building Conference Room (11-210) to honor Lark Carter, who will retire from his position as dean of the School of Agriculture on Oct. 1.

Deadline reminder

The State Faculty Support Grant Program supports research, scholarship, and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines.

There are four types of support:

- Minigrants of up to \$5,000, to be expended during the academic year.

- One- or two-month summer faculty fellowships to provide support to inaugurate, continue, or complete a project of creative scholarship or research.

- Assigned time for research, creative activity, or scholarship.

- A quarter leave at full pay to develop or complete an appropriate activity related to one's academic discipline.

Deadlines to submit proposals for these awards are as follows:

1991-92 Minigrants	Oct. 15
Quarter Leave, Wtr/Spr. 1992	Oct. 15
Assigned Time, Wtr/Spr. 1991	Oct. 15
Summer Fellowship, 1992	Jan. 14
1992-93 Minigrants	April 21
1992-93 Quarter Leave	April 21
1992-93 Assigned Time	April 21

The 1991-92 budget has allowed approximately \$156,000 plus 30 WTUs for the first four competitions. Funding for the April deadlines is contingent on next year's budget.

Call the Office of Graduate Studies and Research for guidelines and application forms (ext. 1508).

Library exhibit

The exhibit of the "1991 Western Books Exhibition" of the literary Rounce and Coffin Club is on view in the main foyer of the Kennedy Library through Oct. 18. The display includes approximately 50 books that have been selected as exemplary in some fashion, either binding, illustrations, printing, etc.

Pianist Peter Orth to play at Cal Poly

Pianist Peter Orth, who has been called a major talent by The New York Times and is known for his intensely physical style, will open the Cal Poly Arts Quintessence Series at 8 pm on Friday, Oct. 4, in the Cal Poly Theatre.

Asked about his style, Orth said he doesn't like to be identified with works of any one particular composer. "My repertoire ranges from the standard fare to commissioned works," he said. "I have no preference for the work of one select composer."

In 1979 Orth won first prize at the Naumberg International Competition, and in June 1988 he was one of 25 Steinway artists invited to participate in the Carnegie Hall concert telecast celebrating the 135th anniversary of Steinway & Sons.

An esteemed chamber musician, Orth has collaborated with the Muir, Concord and Audubon string quartets, and during 1990-91 he made a 12-city tour with the Francisco String Quartet, premiering a piano quintet by Lowell Liebermann.

Tickets for the concert are \$14 and \$12 for the public and \$12 and \$10 for students and senior citizens. Reservations and credit card orders are being taken at ext. 1421 between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Unpaid reservations will be held up to 48 hours prior to curtain time.

Orth's Cal Poly appearance is

being partially underwritten by the California Arts Council; the National Endowment for the Arts; the InnerCircle, a Cal Poly Arts support group; and proceeds from the ArtSalute Gala, a Cal Poly Arts annual dinner and auction.

Textbooks on display

Texts for new K-8 programs in English as a Second Language and in foreign language are on public display until Oct. 4 in the Library's Instructional Materials Display Center, Room 216.

Public comment forms are available for submission to the California Department of Education. All comments should be postmarked by Oct. 4.

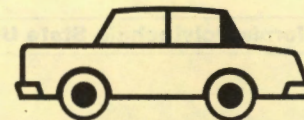
The materials were recently recommended by the Curriculum Development Supplemental Materials Commission.

For further information, call the IMDC at ext. 2273.

Senior project clinics planned

Senior Project and Term Paper Clinics are being offered Fall Quarter by the Library's Reference Department. The 50-minute sessions will begin the second week of classes, Tuesday, Oct. 1, through Tuesday, Oct. 15. The students will learn about search strategy, library sources, steps to take to submit a senior project to the Library, and computerized services including some special aspects of Polycat for locating senior projects by department and topic. Handouts will accompany the talks. The sessions are arranged by schools and sometimes departments and are held in Library 202. A special session for bibliographic computer searching will be given on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 3:10 to 4 pm.

For further information contact Eileen Pritchard in the Reference Department, ext. 2649.



Secondary vendor for car rental

The Department of General Services has issued an updated secondary vendor list for employees needing to rent cars while traveling on state business. Employees must use General Rent-A-Car as the primary vendor when they travel to a city listed as a contract city. However, use of a secondary vendor is allowed when General has no cars available and issues a No Car Available (NCA) voucher or number. The NCA voucher or number should be retained, attached to, or referenced on the employee's copy of the rental agreement and sent to the travel desk in State Accounting. Failure to obtain an NCA voucher may result in the employee paying the difference in costs between the contract rate and the rate charged by the secondary vendor. Employees renting in non-contract locations may use alternate vendors but are reminded to secure the best rate available.

Each of the vendors listed below will accept the General Services Charge Card or the American Express Corporate card as payment. The following discounted rates with unlimited free mileage are being offered for economy class cars:

Vendor	Daily Rate
General Rent-A-Car	\$23.25
Standard Rent A Car	23.25
Dollar Rent A Car	28.00
Alamo Rent A Car	29.00
Budget Rent A Car	31.00
Thrifty Car Rental	32.00
National Car Rental	33.00
Avis Rent A Car System	33.00
A Select Rent A Car	33.00
Hertz	34.00

Additional information, such as vendor availability for specific locations, etc., is available by contacting Crystal Burgstrom in State Accounting at ext. 2292.

Gutenberg society funds endowment

The Gutenberg Society of Santa Ana has established a named endowment for the Graphic Communication Department.

The initial funding of \$25,000 for the endowment comes from the society's \$50,000 donation to the department over the past five years.

The purpose of the permanent endowment is to enhance the instructional program in the Graphic Communication Department. The fund's principal will be held and invested by the Cal Poly Foundation. Earnings will be made available to the department.

The revenues earned from the endowment will be used primarily for keeping the department's curriculum current through faculty development which includes research activities and participation in seminars, workshops, conferences, and industry meetings to help maintain high-quality undergraduate teaching.

Dupont gives \$5000 to Cal Poly program

DuPont Corp. has presented the Graphic Communication Department with its second \$5,000 education grant in two years.

The grant, for discretionary use by the department, will help maintain the quality of the academic program by supplementing the cost of faculty development activities such as research or attendance at seminars, conferences, and industry meetings.

Software grant aids engineering students

The Civil and Environmental Engineering Department has received a computer software grant from SOFTDESK Inc. that

will help students visualize the complexity of engineering design projects.

The Hennicker, New Hampshire, company's grant will be used in several undergraduate civil and environmental engineering courses as well as in the department's new Transportation Laboratory.

The computer-aided design software is the kind that students will find in professional practice, said Associate Professor Ed Sullivan. With the program's "interactive" graphics, a student can enter topographic information, add proposed structures, and then see a complete, accurate, three-dimensional image of what the finished project and surrounding terrain would look like.

CSU reorganization

Chancellor Barry Munitz presented the CSU board with a new organizational view of the system and Chancellor's Office, one that strengthens the lines between the 20 campus presidents and the chancellor.

When Munitz arrived in August, the Chancellor's Office had an executive vice chancellor and four vice chancellors reporting to the chancellor with the general counsel reporting to the chancellor and board.

Under the reorganization, there will still be an executive vice chancellor, two senior vice chancellors (one in academic affairs and another in administration and finance) and a vice chancellor for business affairs. The general counsel will continue to report to the chancellor and board.

Two vice chancellor positions have been eliminated with the departure of Jack Smart in University Affairs and Caesar Naples in Faculty and Staff Relations. New to the structure is Deputy Executive Vice Chancellor June Cooper, formerly the vice president for student services at CSU Long Beach.

Retirement reception

James Neelands, supervisor of instructional support in the School of Science and Mathematics, will be retiring after 34 years of service. A reception will be held in his honor on Friday, Sept. 27, from 2 to 4 pm in the Staff Dining Hall. A brief recognition activity will occur a little after 3.

Neelands, a 1956 graduate of Cal Poly, has worked in the School of Science and Math since 1957. His expertise in instructional laboratories has been a true asset to all areas of the campus.

New user training set for SIS Plus

Training classes will be offered for staff and faculty who have not had previous access to the Student Information System (SIS). A major conversion of the system took place in July. Individuals must take this training in order to receive an account number. The Tuesday sessions will be 1-1/2 hours long and will be conducted twice a day, at 9-10:30 and 1:30-3 pm, on Oct. 8 and 22; Nov. 12 and 26; and Dec. 10.

All sessions will be held in Computer Science 113.

To receive an Account Request Form, call the Help Desk, ext. 5506.

For those who have had previous access, overview training sessions will be held at a later date.

Indicate your first, second, and third choice (training room has limited seating) and return to Jane Paris, SDSO, ext. 2723.

Name _____

Dept. _____ Ext. _____

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Dateline. . . .

(**\$**) - Admission Charged

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Auditions: Try out for a part in "Waiting for Godot." Continues on Friday, Sept. 27. Davidson Music Bldg. 212. 7 pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Soccer: Cal Baptist College, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (**\$**)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Dance Concert: Lewitzky Dance Company family show, 11 am. An evening performance is set for 8 pm. Theatre. (**\$**)

Soccer: Cal Poly Pomona, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (**\$**)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Soccer: Chapman College, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (**\$**)

Concert: Pianist Peter Orth will perform. Theatre, 8 pm. (**\$**)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Football: University of Nebraska, Kearney, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (**\$**)

Position Vacancies

Vacant staff positions at Cal Poly and the Cal Poly Foundation are announced in this column and are posted outside the respective offices. Contact those offices (State: Adm. 110, 805-756-2236 — Foundation Administration Building, 805-756-1121) for applications and additional position details. Both Cal Poly and the Foundation are subject to all laws governing affirmative action and equal employment opportunity. Cal Poly hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All eligible and interested persons are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by 5 pm or postmarked by the closing date.

State

CLOSING DATE: October 9, 1991

Clerical Assistant III, \$1,891 - \$2,240/mo.; position available 12/1/91, Personnel and Employee Relations.

Candidates for positions on the faculty of the university are presently being sought, according to Jan Pieper, director of personnel and employee

relations. Those interested in learning more about the positions are invited to contact the appropriate dean or department head. Salaries for faculty commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated. This university is subject to all laws governing Affirmative Action and equal employment opportunity including but not limited to Executive Order 11246 and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Cal Poly hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All eligible and interested persons are encouraged to apply.

CLOSING DATE: October 15, 1991

Lecturer, City and Regional Planning. Temporary leave replacement for Winter/Spring Qtrs., 1992. Required areas: Quantitative methods in planning; community-scale planning laboratory (studio). Additional areas desirable. Graduate degree in planning (doctoral candidates considered); teaching and/or professional experience required.

CLOSING DATE: November 15, 1991

Assistant or Associate Professors (tenure-track), English. 3 positions to begin Fall Qtr. 1992. Assistant professor preferred. Ph.D. in English or closely allied field required. Specializations: English education, Chicano and/or Native American literature, medieval, classics. Expertise necessary in composition plus background to teach introductory literature courses. Critical theory a desirable ancillary interest. Teaching experience required.

CLOSING DATE: December 2, 1991

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Political Science. American politics/public policy. Ph.D. in Political Science required (ABD considered) with evidence of scholarship and teaching success in one or more of the following fields: Urban politics, minority politics, public policy, policy and technology.

CLOSING DATE: January 1, 1992

Lecturers (full-time), Mathematics. Available (pending funding) for 1992-93 AY. Doctorate in mathematics is required. A strong commitment to both teaching and research is expected.

Tenure Track, Mathematics. Assistant professor preferred. Duties & responsibilities include teaching mathematics courses including

methods & content courses for K-12 teachers. Doctorate in mathematics education & master's degree in mathematics or equivalent required. Pre-college teaching experience & background in educational technology desirable.

CLOSING DATE: March 31, 1992

Lecturer(s), Political Science. One-year position beginning Fall 1992 with the possibility of extension. Teach American or Third World politics. Ph.D. preferred, MA and teaching experience required.

Adaptive equipment assistance offered

Instructions and proposal forms for auxiliary aid requests for new employees with disabilities and/or equipment requests for new and current employees with disabilities are available in all departments. The deadline to submit completed proposals is Oct. 1. Proposals must be submitted to the Affirmative Action Office, Adm. 401.

The Assistive Device Equipment/Auxiliary Aid Program provides supplementary funding to defray costs for making reasonable equipment or device accommodations and auxiliary aid to the limitations of employees with disabilities.

Examples of the type of equipment that may be purchased include: braille, one-handed or large print typewriters; talking calculators; telephone amplifiers; telecommunication devices; modified chalk boards; special amplifiers; and special dictation machines. Examples of auxiliary aid include readers, transliterators, drivers and classroom assistants.

CPR schedule

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Typewritten, double-spaced copy may be submitted to Jo Ann Lloyd, Heron Hall 208, by 4 pm the Thursday prior to the next publication.

**Faculty/Staff
Payday is Sept. 30**