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'Distance learning' goes to Santa Cruz

This fall, without leaving San Luis Obispo, three Cal Poly professors will commute almost daily to Santa Cruz to teach.

They'll do it through a television hookup that beams their classrooms 150 miles up the coast to reach 15 Cal Poly agriculture students working and studying at the 3,200-acre Swanton Pacific Ranch.

The new "distance learning" technology means that the students can keep up with their English, political science and other general-education courses while experiencing invaluable lessons in crops, cattle and timber management.

This type of system promises a whole new range of educational possibilities. It frees education from the physical limits of place. It can bring to Cal Poly educational opportunities — a conference on the East Coast, for example — that otherwise would literally be out of reach.

With the live, two-way connection, students at Swanton Pacific not only can see and hear what's happening in a classroom-studio at Cal Poly. They also can be seen and heard. They can ask questions just as easily as the students on campus.

The ranch was leased to Cal Poly in 1985 by owner Al Smith, a Cal Poly alumnus, for \$100 a year.

The students at the ranch this fall will be linked electronically to courses on the modern novel, Greek and Roman literature, and international political issues. The rest of their schedules will be filled by hands-on agriculture and a class in resources management taught at the ranch by Assistant Professor Brenda Smith (no relation to Al Smith), who also manages the university's instructional activities there.

The system's electronic signal

travels from San Luis to Santa Cruz over a specially installed "broad band" telephone line. In developing its distance-learning technology, Cal Poly's Media Production unit is building in the flexibility to include input from computers, videotape, slides and other sources.

It might soon be possible, for example, for a student far from campus to use a computer to manipulate a drawing that a Cal Poly professor puts on the television screen.

Cal Poly is working on possibly connecting to Central Coast high schools to deliver language classes such as Japanese and math classes for advanced students. The system could also be used for Extended Education classes.

Children's Center has new facility

The new ASI Children's Center, located on Campus Avenue near the Alumni House, is now open, with facilities to accommodate 132 infants and toddlers from four months to 4 years of age.

The center now also includes a kindergarten program for 24 children. The program is open to children of the community, students, faculty members and staff members and offers a ratio of one teacher for every eight children. The hours are 9 am to 12:30 pm, and extended before- and after-school care is available.

The Children's Center is open daily from 7:45 am to 5:15 pm. An open house will be held at 7 pm Oct. 20.

For enrollment forms or more information, call ext. 6193.



Clarence Armstrong

Armstrong honored for 30 years' service

(One in a series of articles recognizing longtime employees)

Clarence "Clancy" Armstrong, who came to Cal Poly in 1962, just might be Cal Poly's healthiest employee, with over 2,100 hours of accumulated sick leave. He is regarded as a faithful, hard-working and honest employee.

Armstrong's first position was as a grounds worker, then stock clerk, building maintenance worker, and finally, carpenter.

His prowess on handball and racquetball courts is recalled with a sense of awe by former supervisor Dick Tartaglia, who admits to never being able to beat Armstrong.

Appointment

Phillip M. Doub of the Agribusiness Department has been selected interim department head for Animal Sciences and Industry.

Retirement parties galore; see page 4

Ochoa to visit Cal Poly Monday

Democratic congressional candidate Gloria Ochoa will be on campus Monday, Sept. 28, for a rally and lunchtime discussion meeting.

Organized by the Women's Studies Lunchtime Seminar Series, the discussion with Ochoa on the topic of "Women in Politics" is scheduled from noon to 1 pm in the Staff Dining Room. The rally will be from 11 am to noon in the UU Plaza. Both are free, and everyone is welcome.

For more information, call the Center for Women and Ethnic Issues at ext. 2600 or Donna Cargill at 544-2043.

Toastmasters invite new members

Cal Poly's Toastmasters Club invites all staff and faculty members to participate in its activities, which offer the opportunity to conquer the fear of public speaking, feel more confident at meetings, improve presentations, and better organize your thoughts.

Meetings are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in Adm. 301, noon to 1 pm; the next is Oct. 8. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Bonnie Krupp, ext. 5906, or Eumi Bang, ext. 5853.

Access Theatre to perform Oct. 2

A professional theater company that breaks down barriers for the physically disabled will open the Cal Poly Arts 1992-93 CenterStage Series with its latest production, "Listen for Wings!," at 8 pm Friday, Oct. 2, in the Theatre.

Access Theatre Company of Santa Barbara will present the comedy inspired by one of its own actresses, Billie Burke Perkins, a

deaf senior citizen with a unique and humorous perspective on life.

Performed in sign language and voiced in English by Perkins and two other actors, this is accessible theater for all.

Rather than treating the characters with kid gloves, the company presents them with an empowering sense of respect and understanding, often demystifying their lives with an unexpected amount of humor.

Tickets for "Listen for Wings!" are \$13 and \$11 for the public and \$11 and \$9 for students and senior citizens. Students can receive an additional \$3 discount 15 minutes before curtain. For reservations, call the Anytime ArtsLine at ext. 1421.

Training offered for SIS Plus

Training for new users of SIS Plus will be held Tuesday, Oct. 6, Wednesday, Oct. 28, and Thursday, Nov. 19. Two sessions are offered each day: 9-10:30 am and 1:30-3 pm.

This class must be taken before obtaining a SIS account.

Those registering should obtain an account request form from End User Support, ext. 5506. The form should be filled in, approved by your department head, and brought to class.

To sign up for the class, call Jane Paris at ext. 2723.

Warehouse auction scheduled Oct. 17

An auction to sell state and foundation surplus equipment will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17. Unclaimed lost-and-found items will also be sold. The auction will be held at the State Receiving Warehouse. Items can be seen at 8 am, and the auction will start at 10. Visa, MasterCard, checks and cash will be accepted.

Pinchas Zukerman inaugurates series

A collaboration of world-renowned musicians, violinist Pinchas Zukerman and pianist Marc Neikrug, will inaugurate the new Great Performances Series for Cal Poly Arts.

The concert is set for 8 pm Monday, Oct. 12, at the Church of the Nazarene in Pismo Beach.

A musical master of our time, Zukerman is celebrated for three decades of "extraordinary technical finesse and scrupulous musicianship," in the words of The New York Times.

The concert will include Sonata No. 3 in E major BWV 1016 by Bach, Sonata No. 6 in A major Op. 30, No. 1 by Beethoven, Duo by Neikrug, and Sonata in A major by Franck.

Zukerman is recognized throughout the world for his musical genius and technique. He is equally acclaimed as a violinist, violist, conductor, teacher, chamber musician and exponent of contemporary music.

Zukerman's conducting career began in 1970 with the English Chamber Orchestra. He has since conducted many of the world's leading orchestras and was music director of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra for seven years.

Pianist Neikrug has enjoyed a 16-year association with Zukerman as sonata partner. Together they have recorded an impressive repertoire that includes Debussy, Bartok, Schumann, Strauss, Franck, Prokofiev, and a recently released three-volume set of the complete Mozart sonatas for violin and piano.

One of today's most sought-after composers, Neikrug's music has been commissioned and premiered internationally by an impressive list of artists, orchestras, and opera houses.

Tickets for the Zukerman-Neikrug concert are \$25 to \$50 for the public and \$20 to \$45 for students and seniors. For reservations, call the Anytime ArtsLine at ext. 1421.

New law: retirees CAN volunteer to teach

Reversing a previously announced restriction, legislation has just been passed to allow newly retiring faculty members to teach voluntarily after retirement without losing the extra service credit. Faculty members taking the 1992 "Golden Handshake" still may be paid only if their employment is necessary to preserve the academic integrity of a department or program; otherwise the extra benefits will be forfeited.

The window for faculty members to take the Handshake closes Oct. 3. For more information, call Barbara Melvin, ext. 6564, or Joyce Haratani, ext. 6562.

CCAT bus passes now available in UU

Central Coast Area Transit (CCAT) "punch" passes are now available at the UU information desk from 10 am to 4 pm daily.

The passes, valued at \$36, are available to students, faculty and staff members for \$7.50. Buses run from San Simeon Acres to Arroyo Grande — also serving Paso Robles, Templeton, Atascadero, Santa Margarita, Morro Bay and Cuesta College.

For more information, call ASI at ext. 1198.

Library offers project, term paper clinics

Senior Project and Term Paper clinics are being offered Fall Quarter by the library's Reference Department. The 50-minute sessions will begin Tuesday, Sept. 29, and will continue through Tuesday, Oct. 13. The sessions are arranged by schools and department and are held in library 202.

Students will learn about search strategy, library sources, how to

find senior projects through Polycat, steps to take to submit a senior project to the library, and computerized services.

A special session for all schools on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 3:10 to 4 pm will demonstrate and discuss the use of Melvyl, UNCOVER, and DIALOG to search for sources.

For more information, call the Reference Department or Eileen Pritchard at ext. 2649 or 2642 or Sharon Fujitani ext. 2649.

University Club to hold elections

The University Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 15, to elect officers and board members. Elections will be held in the Staff Dining Room at noon.

The club, open to all faculty and staff members, sponsors monthly lunch programs and co-hosts the annual Service Awards Luncheon.

The University Club is looking for enthusiastic men and women to fill the nine board member positions, as well as the positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, program director and membership director.

Faculty trustee nominee sought

Nominees for the position of faculty trustee are being sought by the CSU Academic Senate. Nominations will be reviewed by the CSU's Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee during the last week of November.

A copy of the guidelines, "Criteria and Procedures for the Nomination of the Faculty Trustee," can be obtained from Cal Poly's Academic Senate office. Materials must be received by the CSU Academic Senate office in Long Beach by Monday, Nov. 23. Call the Academic Senate office for more information at ext. 1258.

Ideas sought for ethnic studies issue

The Ethnic Studies program is looking for ideas for the next issue of its newsletter, "Bridges," scheduled to come out in November. The office wants your suggestions for the developing program and social commentary about related issues, as well as announcements of multicultural activities, events and exhibits on campus and in the community. Recommendations and comments on books, films, videos, music and TV programs are also welcome, as well as information about students, staff members and faculty members who deserve recognition for their achievements.

Send information to Ethnic Studies, Attn: "Bridges". Please include your name and daytime phone number.



Last call for speakers and experts

Faculty and staff members interested in participating in the Cal Poly Speakers and Experts program have until Friday, Oct. 2, to be listed in the Fall Quarter edition. Call Betty Holland, Communications and Special Events, ext. 1511, for forms.

Who, What, Where, When

Bianca Rosenthal, *Foreign Languages and Literatures*, read a paper, "Auf dem Weg in die verlorene Zeit: Paul Celan und die Bukowina," at the International AATG Conference in Baden-Baden, Germany.

Michael L. Marlow, *Economics*, organized and chaired a session on "Policymakers, Informational Asymmetries and Policy" and presented a paper, "The Fiscal Visibility of Special District Governments" at the annual meeting of the Western Economic Association in San Francisco.

RETIREMENT RECEPTIONS GALORE

Farewell reception for Johnson Sept. 29

University receptionist Margaret Johnson will retire at the end of September.

A reception in her honor will be held from 2 to 4 pm Tuesday, Sept. 29, in the Alumni House.

Johnson was hired as a telephone operator in 1981 and later became the receptionist in the lobby of the Administration Building.

Voss to retire; reception Sept. 30

Larry Voss, associate vice president for university relations, will retire Sept. 30 after almost 25 years of service.

A retirement reception is scheduled from 2 to 4 pm Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Alumni House.

Voss was hired in 1968 as director of personnel. He served as executive assistant to President Emeritus Robert Kennedy and President Baker, and in 1985 he joined the University Relations division, assuming responsibilities for the endowment development program and the University Development Services Department.

Retirement reception for librarians Oct. 1

The library is planning a reception in honor of three retiring librarians: Chi Su Kim and Sarah Niu (Government Documents and Maps Department) and Glenn Whaley (Reference Department). An open house will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 from 2 to 4 pm in Library 511.

Oct. 1 reception to honor Bostrom

Robert Bostrom, director of housing, will retire Friday, Oct. 2,

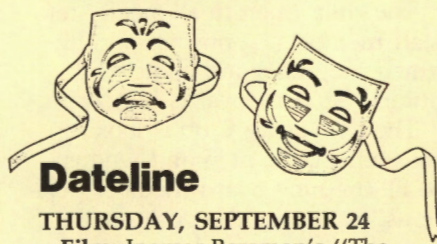
after 36 years at Cal Poly. A reception in his honor is planned at the Alumni House from 2 to 4 pm on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Bostrom worked as graduate manager of the ASI for four years, and for the last 32 years has been housing director.

Retirement reception for Lucas Oct. 1

Dr. Robert Lucas, associate vice president for graduate studies and research, is retiring on Oct. 3. A reception is planned for him on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 2 to 4 pm in Adm. 301.

Lucas came to Cal Poly in 1975 to administer the research development program.



Dateline

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Film: Ingmar Bergman's "The Seventh Seal," Palm Theatre, SLO, 7 pm. (\$)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Volleyball: Texas Tech, Mott Gym, 7:30 pm. (\$)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Football: Cal State Hayward, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)

Volleyball: Pepperdine, Mott Gym, 7:30 pm. (\$)

Concert: Queen Ida and The Bon Temps Zydeco Band, Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Exhibit: AIGA Typography II Exhibit. University Art Gallery. Continues through Oct. 23.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Film: Ingmar Bergman's "Wild Strawberries," Palm Theatre, SLO, 7 pm. (\$)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Performance: Access Theatre Company will present "Listen for Wings!" Theatre. 8 pm. (\$)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Football: Sonoma State, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Volleyball: San Jose State, Mott Gym, 7:30 pm. (\$)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Toastmasters: Conquer your fear of public speaking. Adm. 301, noon.

Film: Ingmar Bergman's "The Virgin Spring," Palm Theatre, SLO, 7 pm. (\$)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Recital: Flutist Frederick Lau (Music) and pianist William T. Spiller (Music), Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Soccer: Cal State Bakersfield, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Volleyball: Fresno State, Mott Gym, 7:30 pm. (\$)

Concert: Violinist Pinchas Zukerman and pianist Marc Neikrug, Church of the Nazarene, Pismo Beach. 8 pm. (\$)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Concert: Jazz quartet Airto Moreira & The Fourth World will perform. Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

WriterSpeak: Hernan Castellano (Foreign Languages and Literatures) will read from his works. TBA. 7 pm.

Foundation Vacancies

Vacant staff positions at the Cal Poly Foundation are announced in this column and are posted outside the Foundation Administration Building. For applications and additional position details call ext. 1121. The Foundation is subject to all laws governing affirmative action and equal employment opportunity and hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. Applications must be received by 5 pm or postmarked by the closing date.

FOUNDATION

CLOSING DATE: Oct. 2

Campus Store Supervisor, \$1979-\$2473/month.

Clerical Assistant - Administration, \$9.55-\$11.27/hour, part-time, Monday-Friday 10 am to 2 pm.