Engineering, Business offer unique program

A unique joint graduate program in the colleges of business and engineering aims to help shake up U.S. industry. The new Engineering Management Program offers an educational model that could help revitalize the nation’s international competitiveness.

The first 10 graduates will complete work this summer on the program’s double degree: a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Engineering. The program is designed for students with undergraduate engineering degrees interested in learning the management skills needed to improve the way America does business.

The summer's work illustrates the two-year program’s innovative structure: Instead of listening to lectures, second-year students will participate with faculty members and representatives of major corporations in a series of executive-style seminars focusing on global competition. Students' assignments will include in-depth preparation for the seminars and analysis of the results.

Executives from such organizations as Hewlett-Packard, Intel, Pacific Bell and Sun Microsystems will pay to attend the seminars, to learn as well as to teach.

Corporations are also helping fund the degree program and have been active in designing it. They help arrange real-world projects for the students.

First-year students are working this summer as interns at participating companies. Throughout their second year they will work on team projects in conjunction with corporate mentors.

“This is what makes our Engineering Management Program unique — the extent of industry involvement,” said program coordinator Don White of the Industrial Engineering Department.

Other corporate “partners” now in the program include Andersen Consulting, PG&E, the Santa Barbara Research Center, Southern California Edison, Tandem Computers and the U.S. Navy engineering station at Port Hueneme.

The program’s two remaining 1992 summer seminars are “Managing Critical Technologies,” under way today through Saturday, and “World-Class Organizations, 2000 Plus — Beyond TQM,” Aug. 20-22.

For more information, contact White at ext. 2418.

Soliciation of vacation, sick leave

Employees are asked to donate sick leave or vacation credits on behalf of Lisa Battenburg, administrative secretary in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Because of complications in her pregnancy, Battenburg might not be able to return to work for approximately five months. Donations of either sick leave or vacation credits would let Battenburg remain in full-pay status during her absence.

Anyone interested in donating time should contact solicitation coordinator Mary Whiteford in Academic Programs, ext. 2246, for the Catastrophic Leave Donation form. All state employees can donate a total of 16 hours of sick leave and vacation per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more.

Sharp, Rogers picked as interim deans

Dr. Harry Sharp Jr., associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has been selected interim dean of the college, and Dr. John C. Rogers, department head of the Business Administration Department, has been named interim dean of the College of Business.

Sharp, whose appointment begins July 31, came to Cal Poly in 1975. He has been a professor and chair of the Speech Communication Department.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in speech from the University of the Pacific and master’s and doctoral degrees from Purdue University.

Sharp received Cal Poly’s Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award in 1986.

Rogers, Business Administration Department head since 1990, will begin his new duties Sept. 1. He has been on the faculty since 1986.

Rogers earned a bachelor’s in business administration management from Point Park College in Pittsburgh, Pa., an M.B.A. from Penn State, and a doctorate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

He received the 1988 Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award.

Budget hotline

Faculty and staff members can call 756-5434 to receive up-to-date budget information.
Good new, bad news on financial aid

Sweeping changes in financial-aid regulations have been enacted for the 1993-94 year. They will mean good news for some families, bad news for others, and probably an unusually busy year for the Financial Aid office.

The changes, mandated by Congress, are intended to provide much more money for middle-income families. At the same time, the new rules will mean much less aid for self-styled "independent" students younger than 24 whose parents can afford to pay more.

The best news for many families is that equity in a home or farm will no longer be included among family assets when a student's need for aid is calculated. Savings specifically for education won't be included either. These and other changes are expected to make many more students eligible for financial aid next year.

The worst news is for well-off parents of unmarried students under 24 whose sons and daughters, planning to qualify for aid by establishing financial independence, will no longer be included among family assets when a student's need for aid is calculated. Savings specifically for education won't be included either. These and other changes are expected to make many more students eligible for financial aid next year.

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The changes won't affect awards for fall '92.

Financial Aid Director Diane Ryan expects the new procedures, new forms, new loan maximums, new eligibility thresholds and other changes to increase her office's workload considerably this year.

For more information, call Financial Aid at ext. 2927.

Suggestions, anyone?

The Cal Poly Report is looking for a few good ideas.

During this time of tight budgets, everyone is looking for ways to "work smarter" and stretch a dollar. So, at the prompting of staff members from the Architecture Department, the Cal Poly Report is asking for your ideas on ways to improve office efficiency, save time, or save money. Periodically we'll print the tips that seem most promising.

One money-saving idea from the folks in architecture is to include, in the Cal Poly Report, a section where departments can list furniture, equipment and supplies they no longer need, but which others might find useful. If there's interest in such a column, we'll try it.

A swap column could help departments find items they need quickly and free, but it wouldn't substitute for property management procedures. The Request for Property Transfer form would still need to be completed for certain items so that equipment inventories would be accurate.

Anyone with a money-saving suggestion and departments that would like to get rid of excess items are encouraged to send the information to the Cal Poly Report, Communications and Special Events, Heron Hall 208. For more information, call ext. 1511.

Two campus maps: One free, one not

There are now two different versions of the campus map: an 8 1/2 x 11-inch black and white version, and the folded 11 x 17-inch map printed in blue, which includes additional campus information and a grid for locating facilities.

Communications and Special Events will continue to provide the black and white map at no cost to all campus areas. To order, call ext. 1511.

Unfortunately, because of increased production costs and limited budgets, there is now a charge for the larger map. Copies of this map can be ordered from the State Warehouse, ext. 5207.

Anyone wanting sample copies of these maps should contact Jo Ann Lloyd or Betty Holland at ext. 1511.

SIS Plus training to be offered Aug. 19

Faculty and staff members who would like access to SIS Plus (Student Information System) can take the required training on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Two sessions will be offered — 9 to 10:30 am and 1:30 to 3 pm. Both classes will be in Computer Science 113.

Individuals must attend a training session to receive a SIS account number.

To sign up, call Jane Paris at ext. 2723.

Summer CPR schedule

The next issue of Cal Poly Report will be August 20. The first issue of Fall Quarter will be Monday, Sept. 14.

Typewritten, double-spaced copy must be submitted to Jo Ann Lloyd, Communications and Special Events, Heron Hall 208, by NOON on the Thursday a week before you'd like it to appear.