School visit program wins national award

An innovative Cal Poly School Visit Program (SVP) has won a national teacher education award. Cal Poly will be one of five winners honored at the annual convention of the Education Commission of the States meeting in San Diego today (July 24). The award is sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

AASCU's program was initially titled the Showcase for Excellence Awards program. This year it was renamed for teacher Christa McAuliffe, who was killed in the Challenger explosion last January.

Other award winners included The California State University system, and Cal State Stanislaus.

Working in cooperation with the San Luis Coastal Unified School District and the County Office of Education, the School Visit Program provides Cal Poly students a new opportunity to experience teaching prior to student teaching.

Students in classes taught by Sue McBride (Education), Bob Blodget (Psychology and Human Development), and Bob Cichowski (Chemistry), work an hour or two daily with elementary students who visit Cal Poly.

Entire classrooms of elementary students are bussed to campus to spend part of the day at Pacheco School and the other part of the day touring the campus and working in the Apple Computer Laboratory in the Architecture Building.

Cal Poly students and professors work together to prepare large and small group lessons and specific learning materials. Cal Poly students get a chance to try out their teaching skills with "real" kids. In addition to a self-evaluation component of the program, students are evaluated by their peers and their mentors.

The teachers accompanying the elementary classes observe, teach sample lessons, and participate in feedback activities. For two days (one prior and one after the SVP) the elementary teachers are on campus to plan for and evaluate the SVP experience.

Fees reduced for Fall Quarter

Registration fees for Fall Quarter have been changed and will be lower than as shown in the Fall Quarter class schedule. The new amounts for Fall Quarter fees are $159 for 6 units or less and $239 for more than 6 units. This change is a result of action taken by the Governor and the Legislature in adopting the final State Budget and approved by the CSU board of trustees at its July 8 meeting. Questions regarding fees can be directed to the Accounting Office at ext. 2291 or the University Cashier at ext. 2256.

Aldrich to be interim UCSB chancellor

Dr. Daniel Aldrich, speaker at Cal Poly's June commencement, has been nominated to temporarily replace UC Santa Barbara Chancellor Robert Huttonback.

Aldrich, the former UC Irvine chancellor, must be confirmed by the UC board of regents. Huttonback resigned earlier this month.

Ahern, Conner interim heads

Two members of the School of Agriculture faculty have been appointed to serve as interim heads of their respective departments while the department heads are on sabbatical leave.

James J. Ahern will serve during the absence of Leroy Davis, head of the Agricultural Management Department. A member of the university faculty since 1980, Ahern was involved in agricultural economics and marketing with University of Maryland, Michigan State University, and Shell Chemical Co.

Wesley Conner will serve in the absence of Ronald D. Regan, head of the Ornamental Horticulture Department. Conner has been on the university faculty since 1963. Before that he was a landscape architect and consultant.

Both Davis and Regan are expected to return to their campus duties prior to the start of the Winter Quarter.

Trustees oppose Gann initiative

Declaring that the measure would have a "devastating effect to education in the State of California" trustees of the 19 campuses adopted a resolution that strongly opposes the California Fair Pay Amendment on November ballots.

Trustees said they would support the efforts of organized groups especially the Californians For Quality Government effort opposing the Gann Initiative, which limits salary, vacation and sick leave benefits of state and local government elected officials and has an impact on all public employees.
**UU Galerie exhibit to honor Mozart**

The UU Galerie will be hosting an exhibition, Monday, Aug. 4, through Sunday, Aug. 10, in honor of the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival. (An opening reception is planned for Aug. 4, from 5-7 pm). This year’s theme is a young person’s view of Mozart, his life and times. Featured are two and three-dimensional works by young artists from grade school through high school.

The young painters, draftsmen, and sculptors are the students of San Luis Obispo County artist-teachers. Included in the exhibition are works by second to seventh grade students from Gail Blodgett’s Young People’s School of Fine Arts; Gini Allen’s young artists from the San Luis Obispo Arts Council Art in the Classroom program; Sally Wilson Tippman’s Art Park students, and Pat Cairn’s art students from San Luis Obispo High School.

This is the 2nd annual MOZART-THEK, says Jeanne LaBarbera, Galerie director. “Thek” is taken from the last syllable of the German word, “Glyptothek,” meaning a museum collection of carved (glyptic) works of art.

Also available at the Galerie will be posters from earlier Mozart Festivals.

Galerie hours will be 10 am to 6 pm on Monday and Tuesday; 10 am to 8 pm on Wednesday and Thursday; 10 am to 4 pm on Friday; noon to 4 pm on Saturday; and 2 pm to 4 pm on Sunday. For further information please call the Galerie at ext. 1182.

**Summer Bridge program set**

Ninety freshmen and transfer students will begin the Summer Bridge Program on Wednesday, July 30.

The Bridge Program provides a transitional learning environment for selected students who are underrepresented at Cal Poly. Selection has been based on underrepresentation and student commitment to enhancing college math, English and specialized learning skills.

Planned to run through Aug. 30, the Bridge Program will focus on enhancing students academic preparation in those areas which traditionally have caused the greatest difficulty for first-quarter freshmen and transfer students. During the five-week residential program, placement testing and scheduling of appropriate course work will be accomplished for each of the participants in several levels of English, math, computer literacy, as well as college-level learning skills and leadership development.

**OH endowment fund established**

A $5000 gift from the Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation has assured the establishment of a new endowment fund for the support and advancement of the instructional program in ornamental horticulture.

Announcement of the gift and the new fund came during the annual awards banquet of the Ornamental Horticulture Department. Also presented during the banquet were Shinoda Foundation scholarships to five of the department’s students. Other funds for the $10,800 endowment came from former students of the department and several landscape companies.

Known as the Ornamental Horticulture Endowment, the new support fund is the second for the Cal Poly department. The other endowment was established last year by parents and friends in memory of Gary Tibbetts, a former student of the department who died from injuries sustained in a 1983 auto accident.

**Cal Poly 2nd in tractor pull**

Vehicles representing Oregon State and Cal Poly won the top two places in the Micro-Mini Tractor Pull held in conjunction with the summer meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at Cal Poly.

Vehicles used in the competition were 1/16-inch scale farm tractors prepared by teams of agricultural engineering students from the six competing universities.

**Summer program for children**

Poly Trekkers is a summer program designed for children (age 6-9) of students, faculty and staff. The program will enhance confidence, team work, motor skills, and conceptual skills.

Sessions still available include:

- Aug. 4-8, Aug. 11-15, and Aug. 18-22. The weekly themes include art, music, camping, science, nature, nutrition, and career awareness. Cal Poly and community field trips are included.
- The 9 am through 4 pm program will cost $60 per week with extended hours of 8-9 am and 4-5 pm costing $7 per hour. Registration is weekly and forms can be obtained by calling ext. 1267.
- Enrollment is limited to 10 children per weekly session and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a $10 non-refundable pre-registration fee for each week.

**CPR schedule**

The next issue of Cal Poly Report is August 7. The last summer issue will be published on Aug. 21. (The deadline is a week prior to publication date.) The first issue of Fall Quarter will be Monday, Sept. 15.
Lottery revenue budgeting process OK'd by trustees

The CSU board of trustees took the following actions at its July 9 meeting:

✓ Approved funds to provide an average 5% salary increase for management, supervisory, confidential, and other employees excluded from collective bargaining, including certain student positions, effective July 1, 1986. Several designated confidential classes will be granted a monthly supplement of $50, with executive secretary receiving $20 per month. Also authorized the chancellor to increase the level of employee-paid life insurance for supervisory employees from $25,000 to a maximum of $50,000 provided funding is available. Salary and benefit increases for union employees are part of each negotiated contract and will be implemented upon ratification of those contracts by the unions and the board of trustees.

✓ Endorsed the California Lottery revenue budgeting process approved by the Long Range Financial Planning Committee as a guide for all lottery revenue expenditure decisions; approved a 1986-87 lottery revenue budget plan totaling $36.3 million.

✓ Urged the Legislature and Governor to approve a bill which provides for general obligation bonds for education facilities, and indicated board support for the adoption of the measure on the Nov. 4, 1986, General Election Ballot.

✓ Resolved that the board considers the following new topics to be of priority importance to the CSU, and recommended that they be the subject of review during 1986-87:
  • Strengthening and Expanding Alumni Relations;
  • CSU Student Publications — Resolving Editorial Opinion Issue;
  • Flexible Staffing to Permit Optimal Use of Faculty Resources;
  • Professional Development;
  • Student Representation on Campus Budget Committees;
  • Substance Abuse.

✓ Amended Title 5 of the California Administrative Code to clarify technical changes in the comprehensive pattern of collegiate preparatory subjects for first-time freshman admission, approved by the board for implementation in fall 1988.

Swim program ends until Sept. 23

Cal Poly’s Twinges in the Hinges program is temporarily closed because of scheduled maintenance and renovations to the university Natatorium, where the program normally meets from noon to 1 pm three days a week. The swim exercise program will resume its regular schedule on Sept. 23.

Twinges in the Hinges is presented by the ASI Recreational Sports Office in conjunction with the Arthritis Foundation.

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, 805-546-2236 — Foundation: mobile unit near the Fire Department (805-546-1121) for applications and additional position details. Both Cal Poly and the Foundation are subject to all laws governing affirmative action and equal employment opportunity. All interested persons are encouraged to apply.

State

CLOSING DATE: 8-6-86

Clerical Assistant II-A, $1332-$1571/month, Academic Programs.

Clerical Assistant II-A, $666-$785.50/month, half-time, permanent position, Financial Aid.

Clerical Assistant II-A, $666-$785.50/month, half-time, temporary through 6-30-87, Financial Aid.

Clerical Assistant III-A or Evaluation Technician I, CA III-A,

Requests for additional information about Twinges in the Hinges, as well as medical release forms, can be directed to the Recreational Sports Office, ext. 1366.

Aug. 1 deadline for supplemental life insurance

This is to remind supervisors and managers that they have until Aug. 1 to apply for additional Lincoln National Life insurance for themselves and their dependents. To apply for supplemental coverage, enrollment forms should be mailed directly to Brian Downie, Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Tower B, Suite 500, 4305 Hacienda Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Questions should be directed to Mr. Downie at (415) 847-7200 concerning coverage, and to Joyce Haratani in Personnel at ext. 2236 regarding forms processing.


Equipment Technician II:

Electronic, $2208-$2657/month, EL/EE Department.

Library Assistant I, $1618-$1917/month; temporary, 9/2/86-4/30/87, Library, Cataloging Dept.

Radiologic Technologist I, $988.50-$1188.50/month, half-time, 10 month, Student Health Services.

CLOSING DATE: 8-13-86


Foundation

CLOSING DATE: 7-31-86

Senior Research Associate, $2381-$2894/month, temporary through February 1987, with renewal subject to funding. Electrochemical Mechanisms Project.

Junior Research Associate, $1000-$1216/month, temporary through February 1987, with renewal subject to funding, Electrochemical Mechanisms Project.
Health, dental plan changes for 1986-87

For employees currently enrolled in a health insurance plan, the July paycheck may be for a different amount than for the previous month. This is because the health insurance contract year runs from Aug. 1 through July 31 of each year with health insurance premiums being paid one month in advance. Premium rates for health insurance have been changed with this new contract year and will be reflected in the paycheck received July 30.

The state’s contribution has also changed. Below is a chart outlining the change in the state’s contribution as well as the net premium change for each of the six available plans. Aug. 20 through Oct. 10 has been set as the Cal Poly health/dental insurance open enrollment period. During this time eligible employees may enroll, change plans, or add eligible family members.

The Blue Shield Statewide Service plan will be discontinued on July 31, 1987, and new enrollments to the plan will not be accepted after July 31, 1986. Current Blue Shield Statewide Service plan enrollees must elect a new health plan during the period Aug. 1, 1986, to July 31, 1987. The Blue Shield-Preferred Provider plan will not be affected by the change.

Two major dental plan changes have been announced. California Dental Service (CDS) will now be called Delta Dental, and Drs. Leopold, Lyon and Murphy will no longer be providing dental care services for PMI dental plan enrollees. PMI has contracted with Dr. Craig Loveridge of Los Osos to provide PMI dental care services.

Health and dental insurance representatives will be on campus Tuesday, Aug. 26, and Tuesday, Sept. 30, to answer questions. More detailed comparison information and open enrollment procedures will be sent to all faculty and staff in the campus mail during mid-August. Questions concerning health and dental insurance can be directed to Joyce Haratani, Personnel Office, ext. 2236.