Grad tickets limited to 8 per student

The number of graduation tickets per graduating senior has been limited to eight by Dean of Students Russell Brown and a committee of students. The decision to limit tickets was made earlier and the committee was set up by President Warren Baker to decide on an acceptable number per graduate. Students wishing to attend the graduation must buy one ticket to the senior breakfast. Each student will be seated in the reserved section of the stadium, as all graduates are assigned to the reserved section of the stadium but do not guarantee seating. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. In order to receive tickets, seniors must present their commencement fee receipt at the places where the tickets are being given out. The senior breakfast will be held the morning of graduation in Chumash Auditorium.

Eminent defense engineer named graduation speaker

by Frank Van Brocklin
Staff Writer

Simon Ramo, an engineer, executive and educator will speak at Cal Poly's commencement exercises. The 70-year-old Ramo will address 12,000 students, parents and guests at 10:30 a.m. on June 11 in Mustang Stadium. Degrees and certificates will be conferred on nearly 3,100 students.

Ramo earned his Ph.D. magna cum laude at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena at age 23. He won world recognition while working with microwaves for General Electric. He served as chairman of the President's Committee on Science and Technology during the Ford administration and co-chairman of the Transition Task Force on Science and Technology for the Reagan administration.

He received both the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award and the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest science award.

Ramo is a founding member of the National Academy of Engineering and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Ramo helped Hughes Aircraft Co. achieve national stature by developing its electronics operations.

He was co-founder of Ramo-Wooldridge Corp. and president of its space technology subsidiary.

Until his retirement, Ramo served as vice chairman of the board of directors and chairman of the executive committee for TRW Inc., formed by the merger of Ramo-Wooldridge and General Dynamics. He was chairman of the board of trustees for California Institute of Technology while working with microwaves for General Electric.

Curriculum could change senior project requirement

by Nancy Stringer
Staff Writer

The Speech Communication Department has submitted a proposal to make its senior project requirement optional. If approved, the proposal will go into effect with the next university catalog, scheduled for the 1984-85 academic year.

Department Head Harry W. Sharp said the new curriculum package, including the senior project proposal, has been reviewed by the department and the Curriculum Committee for the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities. The school committee made no recommendations regarding the senior project proposal; however, the school deans endorsed it. The package now goes to the Senate Curriculum Committee and the full Academic Senate, then to Vice President Tomlinson Fort Jr. and his staff, and finally to President Warren Baker for approval.

To graduate under the existing curriculum, a speech communications major must complete two four-unit research methods courses, rhetorical criticism and communication research, and a four-unit senior project.

Under the proposed curriculum, a student could choose to either complete both research methods courses, or complete one of them and do a senior project. This would result in a reduction in the number of units needed to satisfy the senior project requirement, but would not affect the overall number of units required to graduate.

In part, the proposal is geared to provide a better balance to the existing program by redistributing some of the units.

Sharp explained that there is a feeling among department faculty that 12 units is "a larger chunk than some undergraduates need" for research, and that some of those units should be transferred to provide more breadth. However, the crux of the proposed change centers on the Speech Department's challenge to the longstanding requirement that everyone must complete a senior project.

He said some students just don't work very well on their own, suggesting that these are the ones who may benefit from an alternative to a senior project.

In making the proposal, the department is suggesting that it be granted an exception to the norm for a trial period and then decide whether it is a good idea.

"Maybe our exception will trigger some debate on that question," Sharp said. "It is a matter that carries campus-wide importance." Sharp seems to regard the campus as a whole; the proposal is being discussed by students who have already taken the classes.

"It seems to be a fact that there are always a certain number of students who leave before it's done," he said, referring to senior projects. Of those students, some never finish and some never graduate.

"That's not a very good thing for them, the university, or the tax-payers," he said. By offering students an option that would have the same practical effect as a senior project, Sharp hopes to reduce the number of students who never complete their course work.

"I'm quick to add that he would be opposed to eliminating senior project," he said, "but almost nobody benefits from not finishing—not graduating." Sharp said the department would not push the option issue very hard. "Whatever is decided will be all right with us," he said.
Two sons of casino bomber get probation

FRESNO (AP) — Saying they were "sorry" they got involved in the scheme, two sons of the alleged mastermind of the Harvey's Resort-Hotel Casino bombing were placed on probation Monday.

Their father, John Birges Sr., was accused of building and plotting to place a 1,000-pound bomb which blew up inside the Lake Tahoe, Nev. casino Aug. 27, 1980. It caused $12 million damage but no injuries.

John Birges Jr., now 22, and James Birges, 21, had pleaded guilty to conspiracy for their parts in planning the $3 million attempted extortion.

But their sentences were delayed until the trials of their father and three others were completed to make sure they complied with a plea-bargain agreement to testify for the prosecution.

San Francisco (AP) — Mass murderer Charles Manson still insists he doesn't belong in prison. But in an interview aired starting Monday, he admits — apparently for the first time — sending his followers to the house where actress Sharon Tate and four others were slain.

"Did I know it was going to happen?" he said to KGO radio reporter Susan Kennedy. "Yeah, I knew it was going to happen. To who? To whom? To when? No. How? No.

Manson told Ms. Kennedy that he can't be held responsible for the killings because he didn't personally kill anyone.

"I don't know why you want to keep me locked up because the longer you keep me, the worse it's gonna get for you," he said, "because God knows and I know I did not break the law."

School of Ag, NRM strives for president in orderly ceremony

by Marilyn Freeman

In an effort to make this year's graduation ceremony a decorous and orderly event, the students and faculty of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources have formed a committee to discuss proper graduation etiquette.

The committee drafted a letter which will be sent to all graduating seniors of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources asking them to "set a decorous and orderly example."

The committee hopes this letter will encourage students to make the 1983 commencement ceremony the best ever.

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San Francisco (AP) — Rivers gorged by up to 15 inches of rain ran amok near record levels Monday through Texas and Mississippi, separating 11,000 people from their homes, but a sieve of killer tornadoes abated.

The death toll reached 344 with a flurry of a dozen twisters and hail in northern Texas late Sunday and early Monday, but the thunderstorms that had punished the Gulf Coast region for a week moved northeastward into the central Atlantic states and weakened.

Meanwhile, officials of the American Red Cross, in Atlanta for a national convention, said the organization has run out of money, spending more than $33 million for relief to more than 1 million disaster victims across the country in 10 months.

In southeastern Texas, where tornadoes beginning late last week killed 11 people, about 5,000 people were evacuated along the San Jacinto River northeast of Houston. The river was flooding 4 feet deep over a dam sand half a foot below a record level reached in 1979.

The Pearl River at Jackson, Miss. where another 5,000 people had flooded, was more than 10 1/2 feet above flood stage — the second highest mark in history — and climbing. An estimated 600 homes and businesses were standing in water.

"I'd say roughly 20 percent of Jackson is affected by flooding and we've got a real disaster," said Mayor Dale Banks.
Baker presents awards to journalists

by Linda Reiff
Staff Writer

Eleven Cal Poly journalism majors were honored May 19 at the journalism awards banquet, held at the San Luis Obispo Golf and Country Club. Donald Hewitt, Donald McCaleb, Rebecca Suarez and RoseAnn Wentz were presented the Armistead B. Carter Service awards by Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker.

"This is the best time of the year for me. When I get around to the banquet," he said.

"The journalism department is, indeed, alive and well and an extremely important department of Cal Poly," he said.

Another special guest at the banquet was George Ramos, 1969 Cal Poly journalism graduate and co-editor of the Latino Project for the Los Angeles Times.

Ramos emphasized the importance of the First Amendment and earning respect while reporting.

"The First Amendment is the only important thing in this world. Every day in the field there are battles going on with the First Amendment all over the world," Ramos said.

"The First Amendment is a delicate matter, not something to be taken very lightly," he said.

"Not only is the First Amendment important to journalists, but so is earning respect," Ramos said.

"The aura since Watergate has worn off. Journalists are back to looking like frauds. We're back to where we must work for our reputation from the general public," he said.

"It's very important that you gain respect as journalists. You have to be considerate and compassionate as a human being," he said. "If you remember that, you will go a long way."

After Ramos' 20 minute speech, the awards were presented. David Middlecamp was recognized as "Photographer of the Year" and Alan Kennedy was given the EKI Zuchelli award for outstanding achievement from the organization. Sharon Rezek, president of Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists, received the citation for achievement from the organization. Rezek and SDX vice president Gall Pertiino were in charge of the banquet.

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Jake Van Cleve and Hewitt were given the Ed Zuchelli award for outstanding senior broadcaster. The Bette Betz Kempf award for an upperclassman was presented to Wentz, and to Mary Hennessy for an underclassman.

Speech choice starts early

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Wooldridge Corp. with Thompson Products. TRW Inc., based in Redondo Beach, is a major defense and space systems contractor.

Ramos is a professor of management science at Caltech. He has also been a regents' lecturer at the University of California.

He has written several engineering texts as well. Ramos has been an engineering professor at Caltech for 15 years, was honored with a good luck heart and a Cal Poly tie to keep with him while he is on sabatical leave. Wentz also honored Hayes with the "Other Father Award."
Nash, Messina are unrehearsed but not sloppy

by Mark Brown

"People are very easily forced to lie down," said Graham Nash. And that's exactly what he was doing. The singer-songwriter and political activist was talking about one of his favorite subjects—nuclear madness—and was amazedly relaxed, clad in shorts and sandals, bouncing his nine-month-old daughter, Nile, on his knee. Very calm, very sedate for a man who was going to have to leave his plush RV after the interview and carry off an entire concert by himself after two-thirds of the scheduled performers had cancelled out.

Nash sounded to me like a man who was just going to put himself in their hands, "I'm just going to put myself in their hands," he laughed.

Sun power and no nukes are causes close to Nash's heart, and he was determined to go on with the benefit as he has many times since 1975. Nash advised—but they weren't sloppy. In fact, the lack of rehearsal gave a fresh flavor to most of the songs. Spontaneity was the hallmark of the show—solar generator, unplanned, new songs. Spontaneity was the hallmark of the show.

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Review

3-D sci-fi film is convincing entertainment

by Daniel Norrick
Special to the Daily

You may have seen the ads—"Space Hunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone—3D". From all appearances, it looks like pretty standard schlock, yet Columbia is releasing it a scant week before "Return of the Jedi." So being a "Sci-Fi" aficionado with some extra bucks in my pocket, and never having seen a color 3D picture, I figured that this one might be good for a few laughs.

I was pleasantly surprised.

The plot involves Wolfe (Peter Strauss), a down-on-his-luck salvage operator working the backwaters of the galaxy with only an attractive female android named Chalmers for company. When a shuttle from a disabled cruiser lands its three women passengers on a quarantined plague-ridden planet, Wolfe is lured to attempt their rescue by the 3,000 mega-credit reward. Terra 11 is inhabited by three warring factions: the plague-mutated Scavs (scavengers) and a splintered medical team; the isolated group of "Earthers"; and the dwellers in the Forbidden Zone ruled by the mad renegade doctor "Overdog" McNab, who is now more machine than man. McNab has scoured the planet bare to provide a sort of paradise for himself and his followers. The three castaways quickly pass from group to group, ending up with the "Overdog" and destined for—well, a fate worse than death.

With 105 razzing tickets, a divorce and a recently repossessed Living Unit, Wolfe has reason to be...
In rodeo

Riders return from rival turf with region titles in reach

The men's rodeo team has joined the women at first place in the West Coast Region with a win this weekend over Hartnell College in Salinas.

Hartnell was topped from the region lead with a 555-340 point touting by Cal Poly in Hartnell's arena, Pierce College of Woodland Hills and Fresno State followed far behind.

"I'm real happy with the way the teams performed," said Coach Ralph Rianda, who added that both teams will take the region titles with a strong performance this weekend in the last regular season rodeo at Lassen College in Susanville, Calif. Rianda said Poly had 105 points.

Poly's domination in that event.

Rianda split at third.

Three men's team members made it to the all-around. Rocky Carpenter finished behind Hartnell's Steve Smith, while Allen Gill and Ross Rianda split at third.

Carpenter won the calf roping event, and rode with Poly individual Wade Santos to second in team roping. Gill's steer wrestling win and fourth place finish (with Ronnye Garcia) in team roping helped him get matching points and fourth in steer wrestling.

Three was the norm for the Mustangs in the rough stock events, when team member Joe Ferrero rode to third in the bareback event. Craig Root nabbed third in saddle bronc riding and Russ Cleary took a split with Pierce College's Bobby Riddle in the third in bull riding.

Only one Hartnell rider could squeeze into the timed events this time. That was a steer wrestling second-place finish by Randy Barnes. Everything else said Poly.

Tony Weldon and Mike Fontes rounded out the calf roping event.

The Athletic Department is holding the inaugural "Night of the Mustangs" banquet on Friday, June 3 at the Camp San Luis Office Club.

Among the evening's highlights will be the first presentation of the male and female Athlete-of-the-Year awards, to become an annual honor.

Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 8:30. Then the guests may dance to the music of the San Luis Jazz Band beginning at 9 and ending at 1 a.m.

The cost for the tickets to the banquet is $5 each for a male athlete and a guest, and $8 for any non-athlete and for the public. Tickets will be available for purchase until June 1 at Cal Poly's Athletic Office in the Main Gymnasium from 1-5 p.m. daily, or at Crandall Gym from 9 a.m. to noon. For further information call the Athletic Office at (805) 546-2923.
Robert G. Valpey, dean of Cal Poly's School of Engineering, and Technology for the past 11 years, announced he will retire from the position and full-time duties with the university on August 14.

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker said Valpey has made a "significant contribution to engineering education, and his strong ties to the engineering industry will be hard to replace."

Valpey said the engineering school is recognized by both students and the engineering industry as "being an applications-oriented program built on a full and fundamentally sound basis. We have to continually grow and adjust, but I think we should be careful to maintain our niche."

Throughout his tenure at Cal Poly, Valpey has worked closely with the private engineering sector and the state educational system. He is a member of the California Society of Professional Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and American Society for Engineering Education.

He is past chairman of the Region V Engineers Council for Professional Development, Engineering Technology Council; past chairman of the Engineering Liaison Committee, State of California; and past chairman of the Engineering Deans Council of the California State University system.

As a part-time member of the School of Mechanical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Department faculty, Valpey said he intends to teach two courses per quarter next year.

An acting dean of the School of Architecture and a student while a nationwide search is conducted for a successor.

Valpey came to Cal Poly in 1972 from California State University, Fullerton, where he founded the School of Engineering and served as dean from 1966 to 1972. His past academic experience included engineering faculty positions at both the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is a retired U.S. Air Force officer and holds both the Army and Aeronautical Medal and the Air Force Com­mand Medal, both presented for engineering design and development.

Valpey earned his doctoral degree from the University of Illinois in theoretical and applied mechanics, a master's degree in mechanical engineering from University of Colorado, and bachelor's degrees from Cornell University in mechanical engineering and U.S. Military Academy in military science and engineering.
Reagan's remedy

President Reagan believes enthusiasm is the missing ingredient needed to improve the public school system. On Saturday, he told the graduating class of a New Jersey university that American schools need paid-by-merit teachers and grassroots support, but no increase in federal funding.

It will take more than hear-saying words to change the quality and effectiveness of American schooling. Reagan is mistaken in thinking it can be done at no greater cost to the federal treasury.

Like most critics, the President found it easier to detail what is wrong than to explain how to make it right. He pointed out that while the nation's most innovative classrooms and schools are in private hands, American students cannot match up to their counterparts in other industrialized nations. He said that, despite our culture's increasing emphasis on technology, in 36 states high school students are required to take only one year of math, and in 36 states only one year of science.

Reagan's proposed solution is vague and unlikely to succeed; instead of lecturing others on the right attitude, he should insist on specific changes and more funding based on the recommendations of the president's National Commission on Excellence in Education.

The commission reports given less than a month ago, called for higher standards, longer school days and more pay for teachers. These conservative, practical measures will be more effective than a generalized call for grassroots support. Since the president himself admitted that pay-by-merit is unlikely to survive against opposition by the national education lobby, he should bow to the inevitable and support pay raises for teachers.

One way of guaranteeing improvement would be to increase salaries; it is unrealistic to expect teachers to be enthusiastic about their careers if their pay is primarily "psychic satisfaction." Moreover, grassroots involvement by parents, teachers and concerned citizens should be met with monetary assistance from the federal government.

President Reagan calls America's children "our most precious national resource."
He should put his money where his mouth is.