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Welcome to Old and New Lecturers

Mr. Frank Yee joins our faculty this quarter as a lecturer teaching HOR 443, Landscape Management. Mr. Yee is a 1965 graduate of the Horticulture program here at Cal Poly Pomona and has over 35 years of industry experience and teaching experience at Cerritos Community College.

Mr. Gavin Sherman is a self-employed commercial beekeeper with a history of managing pollination hives. He has earned his Master's Degree in Entomology at UCR. Mr. Sherman is teaching AGB 336, Bee Science and AGB 300, Insects and Civilization.

Ms. Susan Johnson works at the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's Office and previously worked at California Department of Pesticide Regulation. Ms. Johnson has earned her Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Biology at Cal Poly Pomona. She will be teaching AGB 301, Pesticide and Hazardous Material Laws.

Welcome Back to Gerry Croissant and Bob Tullock

Our FERP Faculty is back for Spring 2003 FERP is an easy way of saying Faculty Early Retirement Program. We are fortunate to have these guys back every Spring quarter. For those of you who have not taken them for a class, it is highly recommended.

Dr. Croissant gets the long distance award for commuting. He and his wife, Ann moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado a couple of years ago. He will teach Weeds and Plant Growth Regulators.

Dr. Tullock, our original road warrior, is our car commuter from Paso Robles. If you already had Soils, you may want to consider Soil and Plant Analysis (SS 339 & Lab) on Tuesdays.

Spring Banquet Saturday, May 17

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday evening, May 17. This is the night that we award over \$25,000 in scholarship funds for the following year. All clubs should start thinking about Silent Auction material as fundraisers for your organizations. Last year, over \$3,200 was raised in one evening on the Silent Auction.

This year, we are scheduled at the new Bronco Student Center (aka University Union). The Silent Auction will take place at the new multipurpose room. A reception will be held prior to the dinner at AGRIsapes (a shuttle will

be running) so guests can visit Gerry Tsuruda's photographic exhibit on images of the San Joaquin Valley and disappearance of the family farm.

More information will be on the way in the next issue of this newsletter. Be sure to get your scholarship applications in and join us for a fun evening.

Planning to Graduate- Spring Quarter??

Several important dates are ahead of you this quarter. By now, all considering graduates should be well past completing their graduation check through the Records Office. If you have not done this, do so **NOW!!**

If you are planning to graduate, you must apply through the Records Office by April 28. There is a small fee to complete this process. After this date, you must apply for Summer graduation.

Keep your eyes on the Poly Post and other sources of information in regard to the rental of caps and gowns. Be sure that you set aside Saturday, June 14 at 4:00- 7:00 PM when the commencement ceremony takes place in the quad.

You will also receive information in late April about our Department's graduation lunch. You and your guest will be our guests as we honor you and celebrate your achievements while at Cal Poly Pomona. The date is Friday, June 6 at the restaurant at Kellogg Ranch.

Not graduating?? Join us at commencement to help congratulate them on their achievement!!

Grad Fair 2003

Bronco Bookstore will be hosting Grad Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15-16, 2003 from 10AM-3PM in the atrium of Building 66.

The Grad Fair provides a one-stop shop for graduates to make all their preparations and purchases, including caps and gowns, class rings, announcements, thank you cards, diploma frames, photographs and the like.

Even Though I am not Graduating-Can I Walk Through Commencement??

In the past several years, the University has maintained a policy that if you are within 8 units of the completion of your degree, you may walk through the commencement ceremonies. We have not received verification of this policy yet this year but all signs indicate that this will continue. Be fully aware, that this is 8 units or less; not 9 or 10. No exceptions.

You will have to sign up as a "walk" through the commencement via the Records Office prior to April 28. Just like the graduates, this will be verified via a graduation check.

ALCA Team Takes Fourth Place in National Competition

While most of you were busy slaving away with finals, our ALCA Horticulture & Landscape team was busy at Hinds Community College in Jackson, Mississippi. Most of the plant identification group has dried out by now (lots or rain!). This year, 12 members competed in the 24 different sections of the contest. Dr. Fred Roth and Prof. Eudell Vis served as coaches for the team.

Congratulations to all including the following:

- ☺ *Danielle Davenport*, 3rd place in Interior Landscape Design
- ☺ *Chris Curry*, 2nd place in Irrigation Trouble Shooting
- ☺ *Casey Peters*, 1st place in Landscape Surveying

Congratulations to Gamma Sigma Delta Initiates

Last month, eight students from our Department were initiated and accepted membership in the Kellogg-Voorhis Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the National Honor Society for Agriculture. Cal Poly Pomona is only one of two chapters within California of about 75 national chapters. This society recognizes the top 20% of all seniors within the College of Agriculture. The faculty is very proud of the following students:

Jeffrey McLellan	Agronomy
Leah Derrick	Horticulture
Christy Graham	Horticulture
Judy Kovacevich	Fruit Industries
Kathleen Mejia	Ag Biology
Robbie Walton	Horticulture
Devin Alderton	Horticulture
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If you are approaching 135+ Quarter units and are commonly above a 3.25 GPA, watch for your invitation next year. It is a very prestigious group and looks great on a resume.

Looking for a Few Good Men or Women

Right now the department has three golden opportunities to help out and get involved:

- **Interested in Grapes and Viticulture?**

Second year funding from the California State Lottery at \$24,000 has arrived to continue the development of the vineyard at AGRIsclapes. Want to help spend it? The following things must be completed this year:

- * Install irrigation system on Horse Hill
- * Plant rootstock at Horse Hill and remaining AGRIsclapes

- * Install rabbit fencing to protect AGRIsclapes
- * Virus scans/screening on scion wood
- * Preparation and pruning for Fall grafting to Zinfandel
- * Completion of trellis system.

- **Farm Store @ Kellogg Ranch**

I am looking for two to three individuals to assist with promotion of the Store through on-campus and internet sales. Must have a good rapport with people and some computer and web skills. It would involve about 10-12 hours per week, and could possibly go through Summer.

- **Summer Farm Positions**

All phases of the farm operations are looking for Summer students to work part or full-time helping with:

- * Nursery propagation and nursery
- * Agronomy farm work with pastures and field crops
- * Orchards, irrigation, weed control, harvest
- * Vegetable crops-Culture and care of sweet corn, pumpkins and melons.

See Dan Hostetler if you are interested in any aspects of the positions listed.

Welcome to our New Students-Spring Quarter:

Emmanuel Gonzalez	Agronomy	Coachella
Myran Nguyen	Horticulture	Montclair

Scholarships!!

- ❖ Association of Water Agencies- Six scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 to assist talented and innovative students to join the effort to ensure California's water quality and implementation of sound water management policies. Students must attend school full-time during 03-04 academic year. **Deadline: 4/01/03**
- ❖ Public Links Golf Association Foundation - \$2,000 scholarships to assist students attending Cal Poly Pomona's program leading to employment in golf maintenance industry. **Deadline: 4/11/03**
- ❖ Pesticide Applicators Professional Association- Awarded to students to further their education and interest in the pesticide applications industry. Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. **Deadline: 4/15/03**
- ❖ Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association- Awarded to Imperial Valley students attending a four-year college with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Other criteria include scholastic achievement, extra-curricular and community activities, financial need and an oral interview. **Deadline: 4/15/03**
- ❖ CAPCA-Desert Valleys Chapter- Two \$1,000 scholarships available to students from the Western Arizona/Imperial Valley area. Awarded to graduating high school students entering college, and for returning students who are enrolled in college. **Deadline: 4/15/03**
- ❖ A.W. Bodine Sunkist Memorial- Awarded to a student with financial need and a 3.0 GPA. Must also have a background in California or Arizona agriculture; the student or someone in the student's immediate family must have derived the majority of his/her income from agriculture. **Deadline: 4/30/03**
- ❖ San Diego County Flower & Plant Association- Awarded to students in horticulture or related field.

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- ❖ Robert Felix Memorial- \$4,000 scholarship awarded to a student pursuing a career in commercial arboriculture. Must have a 3.0 GPA with junior or senior standing. Sponsored by the Tree Research & Educational Fund and Tree Fund. **Deadline: 5/01/03**
- ❖ Stanley Strew Educational Fund- Sponsored by CAPCA, must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better with a plan to pursue a career in pest management. **Deadline: 05/15/03**
- ❖ Rain for Rent- Eighteen scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 awarded to students pursuing a career in agriculture, business or engineering that has finished their first year. **Deadline: 05/31/03**
- ❖ Department Scholarship- All H/PSS & LIS Dept. students encouraged to apply. **Deadline: 5/01/03**

Work Experience/Internships

- ❖ **UAP West**- Assistant to PCA salespeople to help with technical customer service such as field inquiries and computer work. Can be a good way to observe the career of a Pest Control Advisor.
- ❖ **USDA Intern Program**- Minimum 3.0 GPA with internships in Texas A & M and Washington, D.C. Internships begin August 2003. Marilyn Jenkins, marilyn.jenkins@usda.gov
- ❖ **National Trust for Historic Preservation**- Student must have at least one year horticulture education and/or training for 67-acre Lyndhurst museum property in New York. Must work 10 weeks between May and September. Contact Melissa Mc Donald, (914) 631-4481 ext. 603.

For a more work experience sources, check out our Job Book and Internship binders in the Department Office.

Career Planning Workshops & Activities for AG Students

Trying to find a job as an AG student? The Career Center is offering some help with resume tips and preparation for a career in Agriculture. Contact Sharon Dickerson, Career Counselor at ext. 2333 or sadickerson@csupomona.edu for more information.

- April 16 "Resume Tips for AG students"
Bldg. 2-218, noon-1 PM
- April 17 Career Day/Summer Job Fair
Quad, 10AM-3PM
- April 21 "Resumaniac"
Career counselors available to review resumes and give information to all students
Outside Bldg. 2, 11AM-2PM
- April 22 "Preparing Students for AG Career Day"
Building 2-214, noon-1 PM
- April 24 AG Career Day
Outside Bldg. 2, 10AM-2PM

Future Courses Offering

Over the Spring break, we have updated the future course offerings pages for the Department. This new update starts with Fall 2003 and runs through Spring 2006. With these recent upgrades, our success rate at filling these courses should improve at about a 95% of the time offering.

Stop by the office to pick up a copy. It is valuable to have, especially when you are planning schedules for upper division courses. Many of these courses are only offered once per year. In addition, this new matrix lists HPS

Seminar (499) courses on Special Topics which may be of interest to you in the future!

Seminars/Conferences/Lectures

- April 29 UC Davis Extension
Management of Fruit Ripening
1333 Research Park Drive
8:00 AM-4:45 PM
- April 30 Holtville PAPA Seminar
Barbara Worth Country Club
2050 Country Club Drive
7:30 AM-4:30 PM
- June 4 Pasadena PAPA Seminar
Occidental College of Ag
1600 Campus Road
7:00 AM-3:00 PM
- June 16-27 UC Davis Extension
Postharvest Technology Short Course
Lectures on UC Davis campus and field trips to Visalia, Salinas, San Francisco
1333 Research Park Drive
Davis, CA
- June 26 Ventura PAPA Seminar
Buena High School
5670 W. Telegraph Rd.
7:30 AM-3:30 PM
- August 3-6 30th Annual Conference Plant Growth Regulation Society of America
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

NACTA Judging Conference**Team**

This year's 2003 NACTA teams in Crops and Horticulture will be hosted by Middle Tennessee University on April 3-5 in Murfreesboro, Kentucky. Dan and Sherry Schliskey will be supervisors for Crops Judging Team. Our Crops Judging team members include:

Chad Cleveland
 Lucas Holtz
 Matt Bristow
 Terry Leonard
 Veronica Lopez

Fred Roth will be supervising the Horticulture team which includes:

Toni Siebert
 Dustin Gimbel
 Amy May

Best of luck and study hard-The competition will be tough!

Important Dates

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| 4/12 | AG Open House
College of Agriculture
9AM-1 PM |
| 4/17 | Career Day
10AM-3PM at Quad |
| 4/24 | AG Career Day
10AM-2PM Cowboy Corner |
| 5/17 | Spring Banquet
Bronco Student Center |
| 5/26 | Holiday- Memorial Day |
| 6/6 | Graduate Recognition Lunch
11:30-2:00 PM, Restaurant
@ Kellogg Ranch |
| 6/9-6/13 | Finals Week |