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#### CHANGES TO EXECUTIVE STAFF ANNOUNCED

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Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker announced today that Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, William W. Durgin has been named University Executive for Research and External Support, effective Oct. 6. Durgin has served as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs since 2006.

In announcing the reassignment, Baker said, “Bill Durgin has provided outstanding leadership of the university and we are grateful for the significant accomplishments made during his tenure as provost.”

In his new position, Durgin will work with the Provost and the Vice President for University Advancement, under the general direction of the President, on a variety of projects, including external funding, federal relations, graduate programs, academic technologies, and assisting with other needs of the university.

“I am pleased with the progress we have made and know that the course we have set will lead to even greater excellence,” Durgin said. “While I have certainly enjoyed serving as provost, I also see that I can contribute even more by focusing on issues critical to the future of this fine university consistent with my long term interest in pursuing opportunities in higher education administration. I am grateful to President Baker for seeing these needs and opportunities as I do and providing this opportunity to address them.”

Robert Koob, who served as Cal Poly’s Senior Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1990 to 1995, has been appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective Oct. 6, on a term appointment of up to two years. A chemist by training, he received a B.A. from the University of Northern Iowa and a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas.

Prior to his tenure at Cal Poly, Koob had a distinguished career at North Dakota State University, where he served in a number of senior positions, including Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim President.

In 1995, Koob returned to his undergraduate alma mater, University of Northern Iowa (UNI) to serve as President. During his time there, UNI saw its endowment grow by more than 100%, increased its federal support seven-fold, achieved record enrollments and graduated more than one-third of the total alumni of the campus. He retired from that position in June 2006 and returned to the Central Coast.

“Cal Poly is lucky to be able to call upon such an experienced and able higher education leader,” Baker said. “Bob Koob’s work during his previous tenure as Senior Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs was extraordinary and we are grateful that he will be returning to us.”

#### DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER INITIATES NEW ONLINE TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST PROCESS

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Following a successful summer pilot project, the Disability Resource Center’s (DRC) new Online Testing Accommodations Request Process has replaced the use of paper forms. Students will request accommodations for course exams through their Cal Poly portal, and instructors will be alerted to the requests via email. Through the portal Workflow Dashboard ([mycalpoly.edu](http://mycalpoly.edu)), instructors will electronically submit approvals, modifications or denials. Students are instructed to personally contact instructors prior to submitting requests. For detailed information, visit <http://www.drc.calpoly.edu/resources/resources.htm> or contact Barbara Burnett, DRC Testing Services Coordinator at ext. 6-5797 or [bburnett@calpoly.edu](mailto:bburnett@calpoly.edu).

#### SCIENCE AND SOCIETY GROUP IS LOOKING FOR YOUR PROJECTS

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Cal Poly's Ethics and Emerging Technologies Working Group invites all interested faculty to join the group. The group is actively pursuing grant opportunities, which would provide release time for research. Current projects include a sub-grant from the Office of Naval Research to study risk/ethics with autonomous military robotics, a nanoethics course (PHIL 439) offered in the winter quarter, and other work.

The Ethics and Emerging Technologies Working Group not only promotes the teacher-scholar model, but also helps build bridges among the university's departments to benefit Cal Poly and Cal Poly students. For more information, including the top five reasons to join, visit <http://ethics.calpoly.edu>. To read the group’s article in New Times that points to the importance of science and society studies, visit <http://www.newtimeslo.com/commentary/994/armageddon-it/>

#### STATISTICAL CONSULTING SERVICE PROVIDED FOR FALL QUARTER

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The Statistics Department provides a statistical consulting service to the entire university community to facilitate research design and data analysis in a wide variety of disciplines. The consulting service is intended to support projects and research of faculty and staff, as well as provide assistance for students working on senior project and graduate research.

Statistics faculty, Jeff Sklar and Steve Rein, will serve as the main consultants. They are available to advise on data collection, experimental design, and analysis of research projects. They will also be available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages currently available at Cal Poly. If there is some special area of statistical inference that is of interest to a group in your department,

contact Sklar or Rein to arrange possible lectures on that subject. For more information, visit <http://calpoly.edu/~stat/>

#### PRESCHOOL SPACE AVAILABLE AT ASI CHILDREN'S CENTER

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The ASI Children's Center has openings in their preschool class, Room 6, for staff and faculty children born between March 2004 and March 2005. Full-time and part-time spaces are available and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by the ASI Children's Center to complete a waiting list application. For more information, visit [http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/children\\_s\\_center](http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/children_s_center) or call ext. 6-1267. Mention that you are interested in Room 6 enrollment.

#### THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG ATHLETICS

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Men's Soccer vs. Cal State Fullerton, Wed., Oct. 1, 7 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium  
Volleyball vs. UC Davis, Fri., Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Mott Gym  
Volleyball vs. Pacific, Sat., Oct. 4, 7 p.m., Mott Gym  
Football vs. South Dakota, Sat., Oct. 4, 6 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium\*  
Men's Soccer vs. UC Riverside, Wed., Oct. 8, 7 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium  
\*Youth Football Day. All youth football teams receive free admission.

Tickets are available by calling the Mustang Athletic Ticket Office at ext. 6-5806 or by visiting <http://www.gopoly.com>

#### MARY BETTENCOURT RETIREMENT RECEPTION SET FOR SEPT. 30

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Mary (Siegel) Bettencourt is retiring after 23 years service at Cal Poly. University Housing invites the campus community to a retirement reception in her honor from 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, University Housing patio.

#### JOE GRIMES RETIREMENT RECEPTION SET FOR SEPT. 30

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A retirement reception in honor of Joe Grimes, director of faculty development, Center for Teaching and Learning, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Kennedy Library Atrium. Grimes has been a faculty member for over 35 years. Join Academic Personnel and the Center for Teaching and Learning to celebrate his many contributions to the university.

#### INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY COLLOQUIUM REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCT. 1

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Kennedy Library is sponsoring "Putting Knowledge to Work: Building an Institutional Repository for Your Campus," an all-day colloquium on Friday, Oct. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. focusing on the challenges and successes of planning, creating and maintaining an academic institutional repository. Topics to be addressed include:

- Faculty and administration perspectives on the public value of IRs
- Rights management and working with publishers
- Documentation, policies, procedures and workflows
- Outreach and partnering with faculty and students
- Collecting content and populating the repository
- Lessons learned from IR planning and implementation

The colloquium will be held at Sage Restaurant, formerly Vista Grande Café. Registration is free but required by Oct. 1. Space is limited to 50 attendees. For more information or to register for the event, visit

<http://www.lib.calpoly.edu/about/events/ir2008/>

#### RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND COLLOQUIUM HONORING TERRY JONES AND MICHAEL MARLOW ARE DUE OCT. 1

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Faculty and staff are invited to attend an interdisciplinary colloquium Tuesday, Oct. 7, 4-5:30 p.m., in the Albert B. Smith Alumni and Conference Center. President Warren J. Baker, in association with the Academic Senate Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee, will host a colloquium to honor the professional and creative work of Professor Terry Jones, Social Sciences Department, and Professor Michael Marlow, Economics Area.

Jones and Marlow were the recipients of the 2008 Distinguished Scholarship Award. Jones will present "Science and Ethnocentrism: Evaluating the Case for Prehistoric Polynesian Contact." Marlow will present "Applied Economics of Public Policy." A social hour will follow the presentations. Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged. Call ext. 6-2186 by Oct. 1, or email [academicaffairs@calpoly.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@calpoly.edu).

#### SARC ORGANIC SUMMIT 2008: "THE FUTURE OF ORGANIC IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FUELS AND FOOD CRISES" SET FOR OCT. 3

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A panel discussion featuring Tim LaSalle, CEO of the Rodale Institute, will address the impact of the rise in food and fuels prices on the organic industry. The free and public presentation takes place Friday, Oct. 3, 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Phillips Hall at the Performing Arts Center. For more information, contact Neal MacDougall, director, Sustainable Ag Resource Consortium, at ext. 6-5034. For more information, visit [www.sarc.calpoly.edu/events/index.html](http://www.sarc.calpoly.edu/events/index.html).

#### CHRISTINA BAILEY RETIREMENT RECEPTION SET FOR OCT. 10

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Christina (Tina) Bailey retired Aug. 31, after more than 35 years of service in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She will continue as a FERP. The College of Science and Mathematics invites the campus community to join them in celebrating Bailey's service to the department and in congratulating her for her many contributions to the university at a reception in her honor from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, in the Fisher Science Museum, Room 285.

## LEADING ONLINE GAMING AND SOFTWARE SECURITY EXPERT TO SPEAK AT CAL POLY OCT. 16

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Gary McGraw, a global expert in the economics of online gaming, piracy, cheating and software security, will speak at Cal Poly Oct. 16, from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Spanos Theatre. The event is free to the public. McGraw is first in the Fall Distinguished Speaker Series presented by the Orfalea College of Business.

McGraw is an expert in online computer gaming, a \$9.5 billion industry in 2007. McGraw will draw a comprehensive picture of the sometimes controversial security techniques used in multi-platform online gaming. He will also explain how techniques developed for today's online gaming will be adapted by industry to ensure tomorrow's software security. For more information, visit

[http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2008/September/Online-Security.html](http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/September/Online-Security.html)

## BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT CONTINUES THROUGH OCT. 17

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This is a reminder that the Benefits Open Enrollment period is currently underway through Oct. 17. Open Enrollment allows benefits-eligible employees not already enrolled in a health or dental plan to do so. For those already enrolled, Open Enrollment provides the opportunity to change health or dental carriers, enroll or cancel Flex Cash participation, and add eligible dependents. All changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective Jan. 1, 2009.

This is also the time to enroll (or re-enroll) in the Health Care Reimbursement and Dependent Care Reimbursement Account plans for the 2009 tax year. These plans provide a perfect opportunity to pay for out-of-pocket health and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars. To continue participation, you **must re-enroll** each year during Open Enrollment.

You will find highlights, new premium rates, and instructions for submitting requests to Human Resources in the Open Enrollment Newsletter located on the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html>, as well as in the Human Resources Office, Administration Building, Room 110. **Only Enrollment Worksheets received in Human Resources by the end of the day on Oct. 17 will be processed.** Questions can be directed to Human Resources at ext. 6-5436.

Also of note, important changes are coming soon to the TSA Program. In late October, current TSA plan enrollees will receive instructions on how to continue in the program. Action will be required for continued participation. As information becomes available, it will be posted on the Benefits "What's New" Web site noted above.

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE OCT. 24

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Nominations are being sought for the International Educator of the Year Award which recognizes a faculty member who has significantly contributed throughout his or her career to international education at Cal Poly. All Cal Poly faculty are eligible to nominate peers, although only faculty employed at least half-time in a teaching position are eligible for consideration.

Nominations, including self-nominations, are being solicited from the deans, department chairs, and all faculty members. To nominate a faculty member, three copies of both a letter of nomination, and the nominee's curriculum vitae must be submitted to John Battenburg, director of International Education and Programs. For more information, visit <http://iep.calpoly.edu>.

#### PARENTS WEEKEND SET FOR OCT. 25-26

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Parents' weekend begins Saturday, Oct. 25 and includes tours of Poly Canyon Village, a Santa Maria-style tailgate BBQ, Mustang football vs. Southern Utah and two performing arts events. The weekend continues Sunday, Oct. 26 with live performances, food and celebration during Culturefest at Mitchell Park in downtown San Luis Obispo. Registration continues through Oct 15. Some events sell out early. Contact the Parent Program at [calpolyparent@calpoly.edu](mailto:calpolyparent@calpoly.edu) or ext. 6-6700.

#### PROFESSOR HOFFMAN PUBLISHES RESEARCH ON MAGNETIC FIELD

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The Earth's magnetic field may be more complex than we originally thought. That's according to groundbreaking research by Physics Professor Kenneth Hoffman and colleague Brad Singer, who published an article on their evidence in this week's Science Magazine.

According to Hoffman and Singer, two independent sources of Earth's geomagnetic field – one generated deep within the outer core of the planet and the other generated in the shallow core – are responsible for the ever-changing magnetism of our planet. For more information, visit [http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2008/September/Hoffman.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/September/Hoffman.html)

#### PROFESSOR RECEIVES TOP AWARD FROM NATIONAL FFA

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Agriculture Education Professor Robert Flores is the national winner in the Community/Business Leader category for the H.O. Sargent Diversity Award program sponsored by the National FFA Organization. Flores is the head of the Agricultural Education and Communication Department at Cal Poly. He was nominated for his leadership promoting professional agricultural careers to minority students, scholarship fundraising, establishing strength training and teambuilding programs among youth leaders, and teacher training to accept and incorporate diversity in student populations.

Flores first won the state competition in order to advance as a finalist for the national award. For more information, visit

[http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2008/September/Diversity-Award.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/September/Diversity-Award.html)

#### CAL POLY RECEIVES NSF GRANT TO STUDY WOMEN IN SCIENCE

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Four faculty members were recently awarded nearly \$200,000 by the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE Program to study the experiences of female faculty in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields at Cal Poly. The NSF's IT (Institutional Transformation) Start grant asks investigators to look at the problem of low numbers of female STEM faculty and develop a plan for improvement that is both institution-specific and sustainable over time.

During the year-long study, researchers from three different colleges will look carefully at current institutional trends including hiring, retention, and promotion of faculty. For more information, visit

[http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news\\_releases/2008/September/nsf\\_ITStart.html](http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/September/nsf_ITStart.html)

#### POWER CART OPERATORS MUST SIGN RULES FOR OPERATING

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For those departments who operate Power Carts—any cart or low-speed vehicle whether powered by electricity or gasoline—a policy has been developed to insure safety of the campus community and to ensure vehicles are operated in a safe manner. Prior to operating a cart, each driver must read and sign the campus rules acknowledgement. If you are an operator, print Appendix A, sign, and keep on file in your office. The signature page is located at the end of the policy. To see policy and signature page, visit <http://www.police.calpoly.edu/parking/approved%20cart%20policy%200809.pdf> or see your supervisor for a copy.

#### CAT PROGRAM HOLDS FALL RAFFLE

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The non-profit Cal Poly Cat Program will hold a Fall Raffle during the months of October and November with tickets at \$1 each, or six for \$5. The drawing will be held on Dec. 5 at noon. All proceeds will go toward veterinary expenses and cat shelter supplies. Donations are tax deductible. Tickets can be bought from Elizabeth Ball, ext. 6-2548; Carolyn Barr, ext. 6-6236; Geri Bolivar, ext. 6-2321; Mary Fiala, ext. 6-6006; Edie Griffin-Shaw, ext. 6-5220, Lorie Harrington, ext. 6-7608 and Ellen Notermann, ext. 6-1625. For more information regarding the program contact Griffin-Shaw at ext. 6-5220.

#### CAL POLY CORPORATION TO OFFER FORMS PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

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Cal Poly Corporation will sponsor form preparation workshops in Oct. A variety of topics will be discussed, though main focus will be on travel. Date and time of each session to be announced.

## STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

\*\*\*Close Date Extended\*\*\*

#101765–Building Service Engineer, Administration and Finance, Facility Services, \$4,659-\$6,015/month. Closes: Oct. 5.

#101770–Administrative Support Assistant II, Administration and Finance, Facility Services, \$2,505-\$3,758/month. Closes: Oct. 8

#101771–Technical Support Specialist, Information Technology Consultant, Foundation, Administration and Finance, AFD Technology Services, \$3,424-\$5,466/month. Closes: Oct. 12.

#101772–On-Call Athletics Strength and Conditioning Intern, Helper Aid, Academic Affairs, Athletics. Temporary on-call through Jun. 30, 2009, with possible extension. \$8.00-\$16.20/hour. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 10.

## ASI EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Employment candidates are asked to visit [www.asi.calpoly.edu](http://www.asi.calpoly.edu) to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

Facilities/Reservations Assistant, \$16.20/hour plus benefits. Open until filled. Review begins: Oct. 6

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