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CAL POLY REPORT
The Weekly Newsletter for Faculty and Staff

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THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG ATHLETICS

Men's Soccer vs. UC Irvine, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium

Volleyball vs. Cal State Northridge, Friday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Mott Gym

Football vs. Southern Utah, Saturday, Oct. 25, 6 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium

Football vs. UC Davis, Saturday, Nov. 15, 4 p.m., Alex G. Spanos Stadium*

Volleyball vs. Cal State Fullerton, Saturday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m., Mott Gym

*Battle for the Golden Horseshoe. Cal Poly Faculty and Staff Day. Faculty and staff are eligible to receive one free general admission ticket to the game. All free tickets must be claimed by Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Athletic Box Office (in front of the Recreation Center), open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional tickets, advance purchase is encouraged as the game is expected to sell out.

For more information, call Athletic Box Office at ext. 6-5806 or visit
<http://www.gopoly.com>.

Tune in to KCPR 93.1 FM for full live coverage of Mustang football games.

SATELLITE BROADCAST OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SET FOR OCT. 22

Cal Poly will broadcast this year's California Women's Conference on two campus cable television channels. The campus community can tune-in to channels 2 and 18, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to watch the day-long conference. Under the leadership of California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver, The Women's Conference has grown from a small government initiative for working professionals into a far-reaching organization and an international network of women from all walks of life, backgrounds and perspectives. For more information about the conference, visit
<http://www.californiawomen.org>

BUILDING A STRONG SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WORKFORCE TOPIC OF TALK SET FOR OCT. 22

Award-winning chemist and professor Geraldine Richmond will present "Battling Bias and Barriers, Necessary Steps our Institutions Must Take to Assure a Strong Science and Engineering Workforce," on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Business Building, Room 112.

Using the framework of the 2006 National Academy of Science report on advancing gender equity in the sciences, University of Oregon Professor Geraldine Richmond will discuss how institutions can most effectively support and sustain the participation of women in science and engineering fields. For more information, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/October/Richmond.html.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRAD PACKS STILL AVAILABLE

Grad Packs include a one-year Alumni Association membership, an exclusive Class of 2008 T-shirt (while supplies last), and a Cal Poly Alumni license plate frame at the special rate of \$20.08. Grad Packs make great gifts for graduating seniors. They are available during Grad Days in the UU Plaza, Oct. 22-24, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., online at <http://www.alumni.calpoly.edu/membership/gradpacks.html>, or by calling the Alumni Office at ext. 6-2586. For more information, visit <http://www.alumni.calpoly.edu>.

ORFALEA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS HOSTS MENTOR'S FORUM OCT. 23

Orfalea College of Business will host The Mentor's Forum on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Business Building, Room 213. The event is free and open to the public. The Mentor's Forum is a non-profit organization that brings successful entrepreneurs to top universities across the United States and abroad, sharing hard-earned wisdom with tomorrow's business leaders. The event features entrepreneurs John Jeter and Ryan Tworek. For more information, visit <http://www.thementorsforum.com/> and/or http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/October/mentors.html.

CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY OCT. 24-26

The City and Regional Planning Department begins its 40 year celebration with an alumni gathering and events, Oct. 24-25. Anyone associated with City and Regional Planning is encouraged to participate and share memories and stories. A symposium on "Education for the 21st Century" is set for Friday, Oct. 24, 1-4 p.m., in Engineering West, Room 245. Student work will be on display Saturday, Oct. 25 in Engineering West, Rooms 120B and 121A starting at 10 a.m.

A lunch at noon on Dexter Lawn is followed by sessions on careers in planning, and alumni contributions to the program. An evening event will take place at the Art Center in downtown San Luis Obispo at 6 p.m. Appetizers will be served. For more information and to RSVP, contact the City and Regional Planning Department at ext. 6-1315 or visit <http://planning.calpoly.edu/>.

SURVIVING CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS IS TOPIC OF FREE FRIDAY FORUM

The global economic crisis will be the topic of an open forum from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public. Cal Poly Economics Professor Sanjiv Jaggia has compiled a panel of experts to discuss the current financial crisis. The panel features three leading experts in economics and finance. They will discuss how we got here, the prospects going forward, and what individual investors should be doing.

The presentation will follow a town hall format with questions taken from the audience after opening remarks. For more information, visit

http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/October/finance.html

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE OCT. 24

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>.

HAUNTED CORN MAZE RETURNS OCT. 24-25

Back by popular demand is the Haunted Corn Maze. The Crops Club will host its annual Haunted Corn Maze Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25. Teens and adults are dared to enter the maze from 5 to 9 p.m.

The Cal Poly Pumpkin Patch will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through October, offering U-pick pumpkins at bargain prices. Sales benefit the Crops Club. The club is also offering pre-picked pumpkins every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. in front of the Crops Unit at Mt. Bishop Drive and Highland Drive on campus. For more information, visit

http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/October/maze.html

PARENTS WEEKEND SET FOR OCT. 25-26

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.

GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING FACULTY WORKSHOP SET FOR OCT. 28

The workshop will examine models of Study Abroad Programs at Cal Poly and discuss integrating international community service with Cal Poly curriculum. It is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 28, 3-5 p.m. in Kennedy Library, Room 510. The workshop gives faculty an opportunity to meet other faculty members interested in global service. Email honors@calpoly.edu to register. For more information, visit <http://honors.calpoly.edu/invites/globalServiceLearning.htm>

AEROSPACE SCIENTIST TO SPEAK OCT. 28

The Research Scholars in Residence Program will sponsor a seminar by Bob Field on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m., in Room 510-B of the Kennedy Library. The subject of the seminar is "Carbon and Climate." Field's talk will explore the abundance and flows of carbon in the solid earth, oceans, atmosphere and biosphere, and the role of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Faculty, staff, students, and the public are welcome.

Bob Field is a Research Scholar in Residence, where he has been supervising student projects as an adjunct physics professor for eight years. He developed and taught a course on solar and global evolution and studies the structure and evolution of the sun and the earth. A docent at the Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History, Field prepares and presents park walks and animated slide shows on this topic. He was an aerospace, laser-systems scientist for 20 years, before his retirement.

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION INFORMATION NIGHT SET FOR OCT. 28

Orfalea College of Business and Students in Free Enterprise will host an Information Night for the sixth annual Ray Scherr Business Plan Competition on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Sandwich Factory. The winning entry will advance to a competition sponsored by Draper Fisher Jurvetson investment bankers with a grand prize of \$250,000. More than money, the competition puts participant's business plans in front of people who can bring the concept to reality. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/October/Scherr.html

ANNUAL RUN TO REMEMBER SET FOR OCT. 29

The seventh annual 5k Run to Remember to benefit Cal Poly's Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource (SAFER) will take place Wednesday, Oct. 29. The annual nighttime fun run is open to all faculty, staff and students, as well as members of the community. The run will be a loop around the campus, starting and finishing in front of the Health Center. For a map of the route, a registration form, or more information about SAFER, visit <http://www.studentlife.calpoly.edu/sfr/>. Registration forms are also available at the Women's Center, UU, Room 217.

Registration at the event starts at 5 p.m. on the lawn at the Health Center, with the run starting at 6 p.m. Registration is \$15 and includes a shirt and reflective arm band for the first 200 runners. Contact Courtney Serafin at ext. 6-2600 or cpwomensoutreach@gmail.com for more details.

FORUM ON FAITH AND THE ELECTION: YOUR FAITH, YOUR VOTE

Religious Studies will host a forum on "Faith and the Election" on Thursday, Oct. 30, 11:10 a.m. - noon. The forum will focus on candidates and positions in the presidential election, as well as ballot measures, such as Propositions 4 and 8. The panel will be comprised of leaders from local Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities and will represent a wide range of perspectives and viewpoints on these topics. Professors Stephen Lloyd-Moffett and Devin Kuhn will moderate.

The event will be held in the Business Building, Room 213. For more information, contact Lloyd-Moffett at slloydmo@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2475, or Kuhn at dkuhn@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2811. For information on Religious Studies, visit <http://cla.calpoly.edu/rels/News.html>.

SAFEGUARD YOUR COMPUTER FORUM SET FOR OCT. 30

An Information Security Forum presentation on Safety Tips for Your Computer: Safe Computing While at Home or Traveling is set for Thursday, Oct. 30, from 11 a.m.-noon in the UU, Room 220. Attendance is encouraged, subject to supervisory approval, based on the operational needs of the department. Questions and answers will follow presentation. For more information, visit <http://security.calpoly.edu/docs/forums/forum-flyer-103008.pdf> or contact Information Security Officer Terry Vahey at tvahey@calpoly.edu.

NRM, UNIVERSITY JAZZ BANDS, CAL POLY CHOIRS, UPGRADE THEIR WEB SITES WITH FREE CAL POLY TEMPLATES

The Natural Resources Management Department has upgraded its department Web site using the new, free, fully-ADA-compliant Cal Poly Web Templates. The NRM department joins the Cal Poly News Web among the campus departments upgrading their Web presence using the new templates. Also upgrading recently: the University Jazz Band, University Choirs, and the Academic Senate. Visit the web sites to see some great forestry students in action, hear jazz songs, find out more about the choir, and see how departments are using the new Cal Poly Web templates.

NRM Web site: <http://nrm.calpoly.edu/>

University Jazz Bands (listen to selected songs there): <http://jazzbands.calpoly.edu/>

Cal Poly Choirs: <http://choirs.calpoly.edu/>

Academic Senate: <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/>

Cal Poly News: <http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/>

Find the new Cal Poly Web templates, plus instructions on how to use them, on the Web Authoring Resource Center at:

<http://www.warc.calpoly.edu/index.html>

NEW ELECTRONIC THESIS SUBMISSION PROCESS UNVEILED

The Office of Research and Graduate Programs, in conjunction with the Robert E. Kennedy Library, announces the implementation of electronic thesis and project report submission, beginning Nov. 1. This marks a shift away from the previous paper-based submission process and is expected to increase the availability and visibility of original scholarship by graduate students.

The new system allows a graduate student to upload his or her committee-approved thesis or project report into the DigitalCommons@CalPoly, where it is automatically reformatted into Adobe PDF and sent directly to the Graduate Programs Office. There, the document is reviewed for compliance with graduate program policy and format. Using an administrative tool, the thesis reviewer can accept the document or request formatting revisions. The author is automatically notified by email of the actions taken.

Once the document is accepted, it - along with supporting data - is made available to anyone with internet access and the digital item is expedited for bibliographic access in the library's online catalog. The new system is expected to substantially improve the current paper-based submission process. The back-end technology to support the new process was developed by The Berkeley Electronic Press (www.bepress.com).

Beginning Nov. 1, graduate students submitting Master's theses or project reports will be required to submit the electronic version of their final approved document to the DigitalCommons@CalPoly. Students will still have the option of having their paper copies bound through a third-party vendor, such as HF Group's online Thesis On Demand binding service (<http://www.thesisondemand.com>). Graduate students interested in learning more about the electronic submission process should consult the Research and Graduate Programs website at: <http://www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/thesis.html> or contact Becky Powell, thesis editor, at ext. 6-2328.

SOILS SCIENCE PRESENTATION WINS FIRST PLACE AT HOUSTON MEETING

Soil science student Ian Leslie won first place this month for oral presentation of a paper he wrote with two professors and a technician. Leslie presented his paper at the Oct. 5-9 joint meeting of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America International in Houston, Texas. Leslie's research, conducted with several other students in a soil and water chemistry course in spring 2008, looked at concentrations of nickel and chromium in the soil and vines at Cal Poly's vineyard.

The research found the levels of both heavy metals in the vineyard soil were well below U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's maximum contamination levels and posed no

risk to vine growth or quality. His paper was co-authored by Chip Appel, a soil science professor who taught the course; Keith Patterson, a viticulture professor; and Craig Stubler, an earth and soil sciences technician. It was the second straight year a student from the course won the competition. David Guereña took first place in November 2007.

FLU SHOT CLINIC OFFERED NOV. 5

Employment Equity and Maxim Health Systems will offer a Flu Shot Clinic for faculty and staff on Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-noon in the UU, Room 207. Both influenza and pneumonia immunizations will be available at a cost of \$30 for a flu shot and \$40 for pneumonia shot (check or cash). Shots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information, contact Sumi Seacat at ext. 6-7387 or sseacat@calpoly.edu.

ENTREPRENEUR'S FORUM OPEN TO CAMPUS COMMUNITY NOV. 6

An Entrepreneurship Forum sponsored by the Orfalea College of Business and the College of Engineering is set for Thursday, Nov. 6, from 1 -5 p.m., in the Advanced Technology Laboratories (ATL). This forum is open to the on-campus community only. For more information, contact Leslie McKinley at lmckinle@calpoly.edu.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE DEC. 5

Nominate your most outstanding and inspiring professor by Dec. 5. Any student may submit one or more nominations, which include the professor's name, department, and a supporting statement containing evidence of merit based upon criteria for this year's Distinguished Teaching Award. The nomination period begins Monday, Oct. 27 and ends Friday, Dec. 5. For more information and the nomination form, visit <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/dta.html>.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

International Education and Programs invites faculty to apply to teach in the Australia Study Program in winter 2010, the Thailand Study Program and Cal Poly at Sea Program in spring 2010, and the Summer Study in London Program and Peru Study Program in summer 2010. Application forms are available to faculty in their dean's office, by visiting <http://iep.calpoly.edu/faculty/facultyledprograms.htm>, or at the International Education and Programs Office in the Mathematics and Science Building, Room 145. The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 14.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS DRY CLEANING DISCOUNTED DURING OCTOBER

Canyon Post, located at Poly Canyon Village, announces the grand opening of Dress for Success Cleaners for faculty, staff and students. During the month of October, all dry cleaning is 25 percent off. Drop-off and pick-up hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday-

Friday. Canyon Post also has a USPS, UPS and FedEx postage kiosk and parcel drop. For more information, call Canyon Post at ext. 6-6640.

CATASTROPHIC LEAVE DRIVE FOR ALISON MONTEITH

Alison Monteith, administrative support coordinator in Graduate Studies and Education, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. To donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Monteith remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence, contact Pat Repasi in College of Education at ext. 6-5144 or by email, prepasi@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

#101780–Associate Vice President for Strategic Communications, University Advancement, Administrator III. Salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 13.

CORPORATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Foundation Administration Building, check the Web site at www.calpolycorporation.org or call ext. 6-7107.

Assistant Supervisor, Starbucks, Campus Dining, \$10.54–\$12.91/hour. Requires high school diploma or equivalent and two years food service experience in a high volume fast food type environment, including one year in a supervisory position, Starbucks or other barista experience preferred. Excellent benefits.

Research Associate, Aerospace Engineering, \$35,698-\$51,792/year, temporary 6 month appointment. Requires Bachelor's degree in Engineering and two years experience in spacecraft integration and testing, including test plan development, working with secondary payload accommodations in US and foreign launch vehicles and working with CubeSat class spacecraft. Excellent benefits.

ASI EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment candidates are asked to visit 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.

Surfboard Shaping Instructor, intermittent position, \$20/hour, anticipated work schedule between 3 and 12.5 hours/week. Closes: Nov. 14.

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