Cal Poly library Web site first to launch AnswerTips™

The Cal Poly Library Web site is the first Web site to integrate AnswerTips™ - a new service from Answers.com™. Library staff worked with Answers.com™ to preview the tool and was allowed to integrate the service beginning Friday, Feb. 16, - three days before the product's public launch date. The only other Web site using the service at the time of Cal Poly's integration was the Answers.com™ Web site. Double-clicking any non-linked word on the Library Web site will open a small pop-up window - an AnswerTip™ - with a concise explanation of the word or phrase. The AnswerTip™ also links to extensive resources on that topic in a new browser window by clicking on the "More" button. Answers.com™ partners with a number of content providers and publishers, including American Heritage dictionaries, Barron’s, Britannica, CIA Factbook, Columbia University Press, GALE, Houghton Mifflin, MedicineNet, NY Public Library, and Wikipedia. For more information, visit http://www.library.calpoly.edu/.

Learn the value of establishing an Institutional Repository

Cal Poly is beginning a pilot project to establish an institutional repository. This “digital commons” will acquire, create access to, and preserve scholarly and creative work completed at Cal Poly. G. Sayeed Choudhury, associate director for Library Digital Programs and Hodson Director of the Digital Knowledge Center at the Sheridan Libraries of Johns Hopkins University, will join Michael D. Miller, dean of Library Services, to speak on “The Value of Establishing an Institutional Repository,” Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Kennedy Library Special Collections and University Archives, Room 409. A reception will follow. For information, visit http://www.lib.calpoly.edu/digitalcommons/.

Information session for 2007 Innovation Quest Contest

Win up to $15,000 in this year's Innovation Quest Contest. IQ is looking for innovations with commercial potential, pushing edge technologies, or benefits to mankind. This is an opportunity for budding entrepreneurs to get ideas, projects, software, etc. noticed, rewarded, and potentially introduced to the venture capital industry in Silicon Valley. The annual competition is open to all university students, faculty and staff. Enjoy pizza and learn more at an information session Thursday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m., Graphic Arts Building, Room 106. Email eslee@calpoly.edu for more information, or visit http://www.InnovationQ.org.

Role of engineers in war on poverty is topic of Feb. 23 lecture

Cal Poly will host a lecture by Bernard Amadei, professor of civil engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder and founder of Engineers Without Borders, as part of the Provost’s Seminar Series on Civic Engagement. The event, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Business Building, Room 213, is free and open to the public. During his lecture “The Role of Engineers in Poverty Reduction: Challenges and Opportunities,” Amadei will discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with practicing engineering in the developing world and the education of engineers through organizations such as Engineers Without Borders.
‘Change the Status Quo’ Conference Feb. 23-24
Cal Poly’s Student Community Services is hosting the 5th Annual "Change the Status Quo" Conference **Friday Feb. 23, 5 – 8 p.m.,** and **Saturday Feb. 24, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.,** in Chumash Auditorium. The event is open to the public. Various Cal Poly Clubs and others will present workshops that highlight societal inequalities and suggest possible solutions and changes to make a lasting difference. The conference is designed to bring passionate people together to create a forum to discuss ideas for changing the world, according to organizers. Pre-registration is available at the Student Community Services Office in UU, Room 217. Participants may also register at the event. Registration is $10 for students and $20 for non-students. For detailed descriptions of workshops, visit [www.studentlife.calpoly.edu/CSQ](http://www.studentlife.calpoly.edu/CSQ).

Intersections open as construction continues
The intersection at Santa Rosa and Highland streets is now open as is California Boulevard at Foothill. The intersection at California Boulevard at Foothill is open to traffic, while improvements continue over the next few weeks to ensure bicycle and pedestrian safety. Improvements include installation of a sidewalk and crosswalk at the north end of Alex G. Spanos Stadium, completion of a pedestrian walkway and traffic calming measures.

It's National Engineers Week!
Cal Poly engineering students will reach out to the community and enjoy a variety of fun and informative events during National Engineers Week, Feb. 18-24. Remaining events include:

**Wednesday, Feb. 21**
10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Advanced Technology Lab
Agilent Technologies – Pat Byrne, President of Electronic Measurements Group

5:30 p.m., Advanced Technology Lab
Keynote Speech – Former Sun Microsystems Vice President Kathleen Holmgren

**Thursday, Feb. 22**
11 a.m. – noon
Hot Dogs for all Engineers – University Union Plaza

6:00 p.m.
Engineering Club Fair – Farmers' Market, Downtown San Luis Obispo

This week in Mustang Athletics
Women's Hoops back at home -- Cheer the Mustangs to their 7th straight victory!
- **Thursday, Feb. 22** vs. UCR, 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, Feb. 24** vs. Fullerton, 4 p.m.

Women's Tennis
- **Friday, Feb. 23** vs. Loyola Marymount, 1 p.m.