Governor's budget would eliminate student fee increases

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed $215 million in new revenue for the California State University, fully funding the trustees’ budget request for 2006-07 based on the Higher Education Compact and providing enough funds to eliminate student fee increases scheduled for fall 2006. The proposed budget provides nearly $2.8 billion in state General Fund revenue to the CSU, which represents a 7.3 percent increase over the current 2005-06 budget year appropriations. Included in this amount is $54.4 million above the state’s General Fund commitment under the Higher Education Compact to eliminate the proposed fee increase of 8 percent for undergraduate and 10 percent for graduate students.

Eighth Dairy Products Technology Symposium Feb. 27-28

The Dairy Products Technology Center will host the Eighth Annual Symposium on advances in dairy product technology, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 27-28, at The Cliffs Resort in Shell Beach. The two-day symposium is designed to provide an overview and update on the latest trends in the marketing, science, manufacturing technology and food applications of value-added dairy ingredients, including whey-derived and milk-derived concentrates and powders. Full program schedule and registration information are available at the DPTC Web site, www.dptc.calpoly.edu, or by contacting symposium coordinator Laurie Jacobson at the DPTC at ext. 6-6097 or ljacobso@calpoly.edu.

Service Awards Luncheon tickets go on sale Feb. 1

Tickets to the annual Service Awards Luncheon, set for Thursday, Feb. 23, in Chumash Auditorium, will go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 1, for $10. The deadline to buy tickets is Thursday, Feb. 16. Make checks payable to Cal Poly Foundation. The luncheon recognizes state, Foundation and ASI employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. The luncheon’s theme is “The Magic of Greece.” The menu will include Greek salad, chicken kabobs, vegetable kabobs, rice pilaf, pita bread and apricot cheesecake. Tickets may be purchased from Geri Bolivar, Facility Services, ext. 6-2321; Angela Borin, Foundation, ext. 6-6446; Carol Brizendine, ASI, ext. 6-5751; Carol Leong, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, ext. 6-1313; Kristina Peña, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering, ext. 6-2378; and Colleen Rodriguez, Payroll Services, ext. 6-2606.

CAED to exhibit rare historical building materials

Ornamental details salvaged from historic buildings, including an auditorium in Memphis where Elvis often performed, will be on display weekdays, Jan. 30-Feb. 16, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in the lobby of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. The free exhibit offers the public a rare opportunity to view Architecture Professor Howard Weisenthal’s personal collection of hard-to-find brick, cast iron and terra cotta pieces from the 1890s through 1930. Weisenthal will host free public tours at 10 each morning; students will be on hand to answer questions.

OCOB students to prepare tax returns

Beginning Saturday, Jan. 28, Orfalea College of Business accounting seniors will prepare tax returns at no charge for individuals and families making less than $35,000 per year, as part of the annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Tax returns will be prepared in the third-floor computer lab, in the Business Building every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through March 11. For further information, call ext. 6-2667.
Women's Studies Program announces scholarships
The Women's Studies Program is pleased to announce six scholarship opportunities for students who have demonstrated commitment to the rights of women. Faculty or staff must make the nominations; the nominee must be a full-time student in fall 2006. Deadline for nominations is **Monday, Feb 13**. Send nomination letters by mail to the Women's Studies Program; fax to ext. 6-2230; or e-mail to womst@polymail.calpoly.edu. Indicate the student's major in the letter. For more information, contact Andrea Nash ext. 6-1525 or anash@calpoly.edu.

Textbook orders for spring quarter due Jan. 27
It's time to submit textbook orders and supply lists to El Corral Bookstore. To ensure all books and other course materials are on the shelf for students at the start of the spring term, the bookstore requests that textbook and course pack orders and supply lists be completed and submitted by **Friday, Jan. 27**. Save students money by turning in requisitions on time. For more information, contact the bookstore's courseware office at ext. 6-1171 or go to www.elcorralbookstore.com and use the “Contact Us” link.

Nominate outstanding faculty advisors by Feb. 27
The Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award recognizes a faculty member who has been a positive influence for students through academic advising. The deadline for submitting nominations is **5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27**. The award recipient will receive a $500 cash stipend, be recognized at Fall Conference, and have the award citation and a photograph posted in the Kennedy Library. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to nominate faculty for this award. However, at least one letter must come from a current student. Self-nominations will not be accepted. The nomination form is available at http://advising.calpoly.edu/council/award/index.htm. Submit nominations to Mary Whiteford, Academic Advising Council co-chair, Academic Programs Office, Adm. 315. For more information, e-mail mwhitefo@calpoly.edu.

Lecture series presents ‘Radical Rhetoric’ of Ella Baker
The Women's Studies Program presents Communication Studies Professor Marilyn DeLaure as the next speaker in the Faculty Lecture Series. DeLaure’s talk, “Planting the Seeds of Change: Ella Baker's Radical Rhetoric,” will take place **Thursday, Feb. 2, 11 a.m.-noon** in the Erhart Agriculture Building, Room 227. American Civil Rights activist Baker played a central role in establishing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Her contributions have gone largely unnoticed, however, partially because she rejected the “charismatic orator” model of social movement leadership. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Women’s Studies office at ext. 6-1525, womst@polymail.calpoly.edu or calpoly.edu/~womst.

Chemistry project makes national award finals
A submission titled, “The Chemistry Studio Classroom Project,” written by Chemistry Department Chair Tina Bailey, was among the 10 finalists for this year's TIAA-CREF Institute national award. More information about the award can be found at [http://www.tiaa-refinstitute.org/awards/chesburgh/index.html](http://www.tiaa-refinstitute.org/awards/chesburgh/index.html). All the results of this year's competition have not yet been formally announced, but the winner is known to be the University of Colorado for its "Lead Graduate Teacher Network."