Cal Poly joins education, research consortium

Cal Poly has been admitted to a national network of universities that have partnered with a number of federal agencies to promote education and research in the management of natural and cultural resources. The Californian Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CCESU), part of the national CESU network, recently welcomed Cal Poly and two other CSU campuses -- Humboldt and Chico -- to the consortium. The California CESU already includes all nine University of California campuses and the CSU campuses at Fresno, San Francisco and Los Angeles. “Membership in the CESU will open up many new avenues to applied research funding and support for our educational programs, not only for the Natural Resources Management Department, but for other departments and programs across campus that engage in instruction and research related to the network’s interests,” said Doug Piirto, head of the Natural Resources Management Department. Piirto expects opportunities to develop quickly with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service, which have expressed interest in working with Cal Poly because of its considerable expertise in forest science and natural resources management.

Retirement Planning and Resource Fair planned May 4-6

CalPERS will host a Retirement Planning and Resource Fair Thursday through Saturday, May 4-6, at the San Luis Obispo County Library at 995 Palm St. On May 4 and 5, the event will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. On May 6, fair hours will be 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. CalPERS Seminars will be given on service credit, the member home loan program and how to navigate CalPERS online. For a seminar schedule, visit the Human Resources Web site at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html#CalPERS. Information will be available on service credit, CalPERS online, the home loan program, health benefits, community property and long-term care insurance. Experts from the state’s Savings Plus Program and the Social Security Administration will also be on hand. For specific information regarding additional upcoming seminars, call CalPERS (877) 720-7377 or visit the Web at http://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/member/sem-wkshp-events/sem-wkshp/retireplanwork.xml.

Help available for faculty, staff advisors

Faculty and staff advisors are invited to a workshop titled “Advising 102 -- One-On-One With a Student: What Do I Do Now?” from 12:15 to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 4, in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the library. The program will focus on scenarios of actual advisor-student interactions. Facilitators will present issues that advisors often face, and the group will discuss possible solutions. Facilitators will be Matt Carlton, a faculty member in the Statistics Department; Cindy Jelinek, director of advising in the College of Science and Mathematics; and Bonnie McKim, academic advisor in the College of Liberal Arts. Lunch will be provided. Registration is appreciated. To register, contact Ann Wilenius at awileniu@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-7002.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation sets May 12 board meeting

The board of directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation will hold a public meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, May 12, in the Cal Poly Corporation Administrative Building, Room 124. A copy of the agenda is available for public review. For more information, contact Jim Reinhart at ext. 6-1131.
**Campus ‘building coordinators’ assigned**

Individuals throughout campus have been assigned as “building coordinators” to assist in both non-emergency and emergency situations. The coordinators serve as liaisons between building occupants and Facility Services, and in the event of a drill or an emergency, they help evacuate campus buildings. In an emergency, building coordinators report injuries and probable locations of trapped individuals to campus authorities, and, if the Emergency Operations Center is activated, they provide situation updates. In an emergency, look for individuals wearing bright green vests. For a list of building coordinators and more information about their job, visit the Web at [http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/AFD/emergency/bldgcoordinator.html](http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/AFD/emergency/bldgcoordinator.html). For more information about the building coordinator program, contact Vicki Stover, associate vice president for administration, at vstover@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2258. Remember: If you hear a building evacuation alarm, leave the area immediately. If you’re outside a building, do not enter. In the classroom, instructors should direct their students to immediately move away from the area. However, do not wait to be told to leave. Waiting for emergency personnel could put you and them at risk.

**UPD to participate in ‘Click It or Ticket’ campaign**

The University Police Department is participating in this year’s annual “Click it or Ticket” seat belt safety campaign. As part of the campaign, from Monday through Sunday, May 8-14, the UPD will monitor the number of drivers who don’t buckle up. During the actual campaign, from May 15-June 4, officers will ticket those who don’t -- no matter how short the on-campus drive. The UPD will again monitor drivers on campus the following week, June 5-11, to see if seat belt use rates go up. “We’re trying to remind students, faculty and staff that buckling seat belts should be automatic,” said UPD Chief Bill Watton. For more information abut the “Click it or Ticket” campaign or vehicle restraint laws, contact Sgt. Carol Montgomery at ext. 6-6682.

**Cal Poly Women’s Club to hold fund-raiser at Little Theatre**

The Cal Poly Women's Club is hosting a benefit performance of "Razzle Dazzle - A Celebration of Bob Fosse" at the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre on May 25. The evening will include the musical performance, a raffle drawing and refreshments. Proceeds will help fund Cal Poly student scholarships and a preschool tuition award to the Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center. For a reservation and more information, call 543-3916 or 544-0124.

**Youth swim lessons, water polo clinics offered summer**

ASI Recreational Sports will again offer summer swim lessons for toddlers and children from 18 months to 13 years and youth water polo clinics for kids 10 to 15. Four two-week sessions beginning June 19 will be offered morning and evening. Sessions consist of 10 classes that meet Monday through Friday for 40 minutes. Two-week water polo classes will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Certified college students teach all classes. Fees are $50 per session. Registration begins Friday, May 12, at the Recreation Center. For details, visit the Web at [http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/recsports/youth.php](http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/recsports/youth.php) or contact the Recreation Center at ext. 6-1366.

---

**Cal Poly Report** is published every Wednesday. E-mail submissions to polynews@calpoly.edu by 4 p.m. on the Friday before publication.