What's Happening

ASI presents Dat Phan
Dat Phan, one of the most sought-after young talents in Hollywood after winning NBC’s “Last Comic Standing” in 2003, will perform Thursday, Nov. 18 at 8:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Free for Cal Poly students with ID and $5 for general admission. Tickets are available at the door, and seating is limited. Contact ASI Events at ext. 6-1112 or visit http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/events/.

Christmas comes early
The Blind Boys of Alabama deliver “faith, soul and quality by the truckload,” raves Billboard Magazine. On Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center, the Blind Boys of Alabama return to San Luis Obispo with their first-ever Christmas concert, “Go Tell It On The Mountain.” Cal Poly Arts presents the Grammy-winning, 7-member ensemble in a big, buoyant holiday show for all ages. Tickets range from $26 - $38, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office.

Pride Alliance Events
Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m., Immigration Equality – Marriage is Not the Only Way the U.S. Discriminates. Chumash Wing East.
Thursday, Nov. 18, 4 p.m., Follow-up to last week’s installation on Dexter Lawn, with facilitation by David Smiley, a university Christian community representative. UU 219. Call ext. 6-7733 for details.

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Professor Chris Carr named associate dean
Business Law Professor Chris Carr has been appointed associate dean in the Orfalea College of Business. Carr joined the OCOB in 1995 as a part-time lecturer in business law. He subsequently accepted a full-time appointment, advancing to associate professor in 1998 and full professor in 2004. A 1987 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Carr went on to earn his Juris Doctor degree with honors from Santa Clara University School of Law in 1990. In 1998 he earned an M.A. in political science from UCLA. Carr has practiced law as an attorney with The Jencks Law Group in Arroyo Grande and Sinsheimer, Schiebelhut & Baggett in San Luis Obispo. OCOB Dean David Christy said Carr is the right person to provide leadership in graduate programs and a variety of new initiatives in research and program improvement.

Clif Bar founder to give lecture Nov. 29
Successful entrepreneur and author Gary Erickson, the founder of Clif Bar Inc., will discuss business and ethics Monday, Nov. 29, in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. The presentation will start at 7:15 p.m. and is open to the public. Erickson is heralded nationally as a visionary entrepreneur. “He believes there is more to business than the bottom line, and his company’s bottom line is doing very well, in part because of that strong belief,” said Orfalea College of Business Dean David Christy. Clif Bar Inc. has been named four times to Inc. magazine’s annual list of fastest-growing companies in the United States. What started as a small bakery is today one of the leading makers of all-natural energy and nutrition foods.

Steps remain for state budget approval
Though the CSU Board of Trustees has approved the 2005-06 Support Budget request as submitted by the Chancellor, several steps are pending in the state budget development process:

- December - Department of Finance (DOF) submits budget recommendations to the Governor
- January 2005 - Governor submits his budget to the Legislature
- February 2005 - Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) publishes the Legislative Analyst's report on the Governor's budget
- Spring 2005 - Legislature considers the Governor's budget
- May 2005 - May Revise will be based on updated information about state revenue and expenses
- June 2005 - Legislature acts on the budget
- July 2005 - Governor signs the 2005-06 budget

The current estimate of the state's budget gap for 2005-06 is approximately $6 billion. “We will continue to monitor the budget as it develops and report on the progress,” said Larry Kelley, vice president for administration and finance.

Mini grant proposals requested
Faculty and staff may submit proposals for the next round of Internet2 mini grants (phase three, winter and spring 2005). The full announcement is available at http://www.csc.calpoly.edu/~fkurfess/Internet2/Minigrants-05/index.shtml. For further information, go to the Internet2 Web page at http://internet2.calpoly.edu, or contact Franz Kurfess, fkurfess@calpoly.edu. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Nov. 30.
Annual holiday gift drive
Get into the spirit and brighten a child’s holiday season by joining the Student Community Services-sponsored annual holiday gift drive. To participate, pick up a gift tag in the SCS office in UU 217, then buy a gift ($10-$25), wrap it and bring it to the SCS office by Dec. 1. With more than 764 gift requests this year, help is needed to see that every child’s wish is fulfilled. For more information, contact Alexis Ramieriez at ext. 6-5834 or aramir01@calpoly.edu.

Foundation board meets Dec. 3
The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Foundation will hold a regular meeting on Friday, Dec. 3, at 8:30 a.m. in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For further information or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Frank Mumford, executive director, Cal Poly Foundation, at ext. 6-1131.

Learn to cope with holiday stress
The Employee Assistance Program invites all employees to attend a workshop on “Coping with Holiday Season Stress and Managing Expenses/Budgeting,” in the Center for Teaching and Learning (Library, 5th floor) on Thursday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to noon. Call ext 6-6770 for information.

Graphics research professor named
Michael Cunningham, founder, former CEO and president of Cunningham Graphic International has joined the Graphic Communication Department as a research professor from industry. The research professorship is an honorary title given to industry professionals who volunteer their time to teach, said Harvey Levenson, head of the Graphic Communication Department. Cunningham, also an adjunct faculty member at San Diego State University, is completing his Ph.D. in culture and communications at New York University. He will be lecturing on campus at least once a quarter, beginning winter 2005, on subjects of management and entrepreneurship related to the graphic arts industry. Cunningham’s areas of specialization are sales and marketing, organizational theory, leadership, mergers and acquisitions, private and public financings, and entrepreneurial studies.

Student postcards: ‘Wish You Were Here’
A free opening night reception for “Wish You Were Here,” a student exhibit of postcards, will be held Friday, Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m., in the UU Gallery. ASI Events will display Teamwork’s multi-media postcards in the gallery through Dec. 9. The collection of collages, drawings and other mixed media is meant to challenge conventional notions about the ownership of art and the purpose of communication. The exhibit is free; gallery hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday. For more information regarding the exhibit, contact ASI Events at ext. 6-1112, uugallery@asi.calpoly.edu or visit the Web site at www.asi.calpoly.edu/events.

El Corral offers one-day, 30-percent-off sale
Save 30 percent on all Cal Poly merchandise at El Corral’s one-day-only sale, Thursday, Dec. 2, 7:45 a.m.-6 p.m. School, office and art supplies, regularly priced books, seasonal holiday gifts and gift wrap, and much more will be discounted. Shop early for best selection.