Campus, city road work progress

Progress to link California Boulevard with Highland Drive and the north end of campus is steady as heavy equipment continues to work a stretch of roadway near the new Engineering III Building.

University officials say construction is moving forward on schedule, with completion of this new, direct route through west campus expected by mid-October. Some limited travel may be allowed south of Highland along the new stretch of roadway when fall quarter starts Sept. 20.

“We aren’t expecting any significant differences in traffic compared to what we experienced last year,” said Cindy Campbell, associate director of University Police. “We always encourage people to arrive on campus early to secure parking.”

When completed, the California-Highland extension will not only provide a shorter route across campus, Campbell said, but will improve safety for drivers.

The City of San Luis Obispo continues to work on Foothill Boulevard, which is expected to remain closed to vehicle traffic east of Santa Rosa Street until next spring. As always, alternative transportation is recommended, Campbell said. Foothill Boulevard remains open to pedestrians and cyclists, and the city has added bus routes to campus.

Parking will continue to be moved away from the campus academic core, as envisioned in the campus master plan. The number of staff-designated spaces will remain the same, but some staff parking will be relocated to lots previously marked for general parking.

The parking lot across from the library, H-2, slated for closure this summer, will remain open through the fall quarter. The old Modoc parking lot will be temporarily closed this month, but should reopen for staff parking in October. All parking on the campus portion of California Boulevard will be designated staff-only.

Campbell advises staff to use metered spaces or staff loading zones as temporary drop-off points for equipment and materials, and then to move their cars to long-term spaces.

For updates, go to: http://www.calpoly.edu/cpmaps/advisories.html.

Sandra Gardebring will lead advancement

President Warren J. Baker announced Aug. 19 the interim appointment of Sandra S. Gardebring, currently vice president, university relations at the University of Minnesota, as vice president for university advancement at Cal Poly.

Gardebring succeeds William G. Boldt, who recently accepted a position as vice chancellor for university advancement at UC Riverside.

Gardebring assumes her duties full-time on Oct. 18. Her areas of responsibility will include development, alumni relations, corporate and foundation relations, public affairs and governmental relations.

Cal Poly again best in West

For the 12th year in a row, Cal Poly has been rated the best public largely undergraduate university in the West by U.S. News & World Report, in its 2005 America’s Best Colleges guidebook.

Cal Poly retained its No. 5 position overall in the magazine’s list of the West’s best universities, including private institutions, that “provide a full range of undergraduate and master’s-level programs but few, if any, doctoral programs.”

“It is very gratifying to receive national recognition, such as our placement in the U.S. News rankings,” said President Warren J. Baker.

For more information, go online at: http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/

Howard Brown to be honored

The College of Agriculture will honor longtime Ornamental Horticulture Professor and Dean Emeritus Howard C. Brown Saturday, Sept. 25, with a special daylong event on campus. Howard Brown Appreciation Day will include a morning reception for Brown at the Leaning Pine Arboretum, tours of the OH unit and College of Agriculture facilities and a formal evening banquet at Chumash Auditorium.

Brown, a Cal Poly alumnus, joined the Ornamental Horticulture Department faculty in 1946, after serving three years in the U.S. Army Air Corps. In 1976 he was named dean of the College of Agriculture, a position he held until 1981. He taught in the Ornamental Horticulture Department again until his retirement in 1983.

For ticket information, contact the College of Agriculture at (805)756-2933, or visit: http://alumni.calpoly.edu/events/calendar.asp?pid=2#sep.

Karen Webb new assistant VP

Karen Webb has accepted the position of assistant vice president for administration and finance. Her duties include working with Facilities Planning, Budget and Analytical Business Services and the Cal Poly community on the development, monitoring and reporting of non-state facility projects, development and coordination of campus initiatives and other responsibilities.

Webb brings strong experience from her work as budget officer at Fresno State and, for nine years, as associate director of Budget and Analytical Business Services here at Cal Poly.

College of Engineering names interim associate dean

Professor Unny Menon is the interim associate dean for the College of Engineering. He succeeds Paul Rainey who served in the position 10 years and is returning to teaching full time in the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department.

Menon has taught at Cal Poly since 1978. He completed his engineering education at universities in Sheffield and Nottingham, England, and he has held senior positions at British Steel, Bechtel and IBM.
CSU Trustee William Hauck to address Fall Conference

California State University Trustee William Hauck will be the keynote speaker at the General Session of Cal Poly’s Fall Conference Sept. 13 for the annual opening event for faculty and staff.

A longtime California policy leader, Hauck is president of the California Business Round Table and co-chair of the California Performance Review Commission appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

President Warren J. Baker will address faculty and staff regarding the university’s priorities for the year.

For more information and a Fall Conference Schedule, go to http://academics.calpoly.edu/ctt/flyers/all%20Conf%20Booklet%208.30.pdf

Position Vacancies

STATE The official listing of staff vacancies is posted on Cal Poly’s online employment system, www.calpolyjobs.org. To apply, go to that site and complete the online application. Applicants needing computer/Internet access and/or assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

Taste rare fruit on Saturday

Cal Poly’s College of Agriculture, the California Rare Fruit Growers organization and the Dave Wilson Nursery will sponsor a fruit tasting Saturday, Sept. 4, 1 p.m., at the Cal Poly Crops Unit.

The public is invited to this annual free event which will feature as many as 35 different fresh fruits.

The fruit will come from the Dave Wilson Nursery in Hickman, a major national provider of fruit trees. The Crops Unit is on Highland Drive at Mount Bishop Road. For more information, call Professor Emeritus Joe Sabol at (805)544-1056 or e-mail him at jsabol@calpoly.edu

Leaves solicitation

Sandy Eurich, administrative support assistant in Grants Development, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and sick leave to help Sandy remain in full-pay status during an extended leave.

Those interested in donating leave should request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Carol Brookshire in Research and Graduate Programs at ext. 6-1508 or by e-mail. State employees, depending on their unit, may donate a total of 40 hours (units 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, E99, C99, M80 and M98), 32 hours (Unit 4) or 16 hours (other state employees) of sick leave and vacation credits in increments of one hour or more for all solicitations during a fiscal year.

FACULTY Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

#100392-Tenure-track, Computer Science Department, College of Engineering (ext. 6-7183). Review begins Dec. 1. Applications received after this date may be considered.

#100393-Tenure-track, Computer Engineering Program, College of Engineering (ext. 6-1229). Review begins Dec. 1. Applications received after this date may be considered.

#100396-Tenure-track, City and Regional Planning Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Design (ext. 6-1315). Closes Nov. 10.

#100401-Tenure-track, City and Regional Planning Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Design (ext. 6-1315). Closes Nov. 10.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. is accepting applications for the following position. Complete position descriptions and applications are available at the ASI Business Office, UU 212, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F, or call ext. 5800. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. of the listed closing date. AA/EEO

Business Services Administrative Assistant, temporary, part time with benefits, $14.30/hour. Closes Sept. 11.

Volunteer to be a faculty greeter

The Housing and Residential Life Department seeks faculty members to serve as “greeters” Saturday, Sept. 11, to welcome new students and their families to the residence halls.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or part of that time), and faculty will be assigned to dorms housing students from each faculty member’s college. All volunteers will receive t-shirts. Call ext. 6-5690 to sign up.

Foundation board meets Sept. 10

The Foundation board of directors will hold a regular, public meeting at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 10 in the Foundation Administration Building, Room 124.

For more information or a copy of the agenda, call Foundation Executive Director Frank Mumford at ext. 6-1131.