Flu season is here
With the beginning of flu season, employees are reminded to keep themselves and others healthy by helping to stop the spread of germs that make people sick. One of the most important ways to avoid getting the flu is to wash hands frequently; it dislodges and washes away germs picked up from other people or contaminated surfaces. Other things to do include:

- Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve. Dispose of the tissue and wash hands
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid sharing or lending pens
- Office kitchens often harbor germs. Keep them clean
- If you get the flu, avoid exposing others

For more information, visit: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/pdf/covercough_school8-5x11.pdf

Catastrophic leave drives
Mary K. Patterson, administrative support coordinator in Risk Management, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Employees who want to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Mary remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Mike Stock in Risk Management at ext. 6-5427 or mastock@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Shelly Bright, administrative support assistant in University Advancement, Advancement Services has qualified for family catastrophic leave. Employees who want to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Shelly remain in full pay status during an extended leave should contact Cathy Rathbone in Advancement Services at ext. 6-6223 or crathbon@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Help keep waterways clean
Noticed the new storm drain markers on campus? The Cal Poly Environmental Health and Safety Office has launched the "Dump no waste, Drains to creek" campaign to remind employees that the Cal Poly storm drain system enters directly into the local water bodies where fish and other wildlife live. The Health and Safety Office urges the campus community to clean up spills and debris so when it rains pollutants won't be transported to the storm drain and into the creeks. For more information, visit http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/Risk/ehs/ehs.html.

Watch the housing construction move forward
The Poly Canyon Village project is moving at a fast pace and is reported to be on schedule. To see the progress at any time, visit the Poly Canyon Web Cam at: www.facilities.calpoly.edu/campusprojects/projects/SHN/Pages/revLogoWebCam.htm.

For more specific information about the buildings, visit the "Construction Updates" section of http://polycanyonvillage.calpoly.edu/. Construction on the 8,300-square foot Housing Administration Office (located behind Santa Lucia Residence Hall) is also moving forward. To view the construction timeline and photos, visit www.housing.calpoly.edu and click on "Office Construction." Occupancy is scheduled for spring, 2007.
Architecture Professor Ken Kohlen remembered Nov. 12
Professor Emeritus Ken Kohlen, 63, died Sunday, Oct. 22. A memorial gathering in his honor will be held Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m., in the Architecture and Environmental Design Gallery, Room 105. To read the full obituary and get more information about the memorial, visit: http://www.legacy.com/sanluisobispo/DeathNotices.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=19721434.

Documentary series shown for Transgender Day Nov. 13
In recognition of the 8th Annual Transgender Day of Awareness, the Pride Alliance: LGBT Center will host a showing of the groundbreaking Sundance Channel documentary series, “Transgeneration.” On Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in San Luis Lounge of the UU, there will be a showing of 2 episodes of the documentary series, which chronicles the lives of four college students transitioning from their birth sex. A discussion will follow each showing. Contact Erin Echols, coordinator of the Pride Alliance, at eechols@calpoly.edu for more information.

GIS Day 2006 slated for Nov. 15
Robert E. Kennedy Library and the SLO GIS Users Group will host “GIS Day 2006 at Cal Poly” on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 1-4:30 p.m. The event will showcase maps created by local geographic information system users and agencies. Attendees also will hear presentations on local uses for GIS technology, have an opportunity to learn how a GIS can enhance disparate fields of study, and receive information about jobs in the field.

Women’s career discussion Nov. 15
Career Services and Women’s Programs and Services are sponsoring a Women’s Career Discussion on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Women’s Center, UU Room 217, entitled “What does it mean to be a “good” professional: How are women viewed in the workplace.” The Women’s Career Discussion Series gives women faculty, staff and students the opportunity to discuss issues surrounding women in the workplace. For more information, contact Kelly Andreson at ext. 6-2600 or Charlotte Rinaldi at ext. 6-5978.

Retirement reception for Cathy Matthews Nov. 16
The Robert E. Kennedy Library will host a retirement reception for Cathy Matthews, Library Assistant III of the Government Documents unit. Cathy has been a dedicated employee to Cal Poly and the Library for more than 38 years. Join library staff in wishing her well at her retirement send-off, Nov. 16, noon, Robert E. Kennedy Library, Room 511. For more information, contact Joan Kennedy at jkennedy@calpoly.edu.

Holiday schedule for Cal Poly Report
There will be NO interruption of Cal Poly report during the Thanksgiving holiday. The last weekly report before Winter Break will be Wednesday, Dec. 23. There will no report on Dec. 20 or Dec. 27. Cal Poly Report resumes its regular weekly schedule on Jan. 3.

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