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Cal Poly to Celebrate National Engineers Week Feb. 17-23

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly engineering students will present a variety of educational and entertainment events for students and the local community during National Engineers Week, Feb. 17-23.

The festivities kick off on Monday, Feb. 18 with a Lockheed Martin Wii Game Tournament, a performance from Smile 'n Nod Improv Comedy, and a keynote speech delivered by Northrop Grumman executive Eric Pearson.

Students will host a blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 19 and Northrop Grumman will bring its Virtual Jetworks Flight Simulator to campus for an industry showcase. Students can enjoy a free clam chowder lunch and complimentary door prizes.

Several events scheduled throughout the week stress the importance of community involvement and environmental responsibility. Students have organized a Sustainability Day Showcase for Wednesday, Feb. 20, marking a first for National Engineers Week. Students will display several environmentally friendly projects. REC Solar, a local alternative energy solution corporation, will sponsor a sustainability panel discussion and a free zero-waste lunch.

On Thursday, Feb. 21, many students will visit local elementary and high school classes to teach students about the field of engineering and share their personal experiences. Tom Bishop, a Cal Poly alumnus and vice president of Strategic Development at URS Corp, will also speak to students on campus. In addition, an Engineering Club Fair is scheduled at Farmer's Market in downtown San Luis Obispo later that evening.

Student organizers have planned many other events throughout the week, both on and off campus. For a full list of dates, times and locations, please see below or visit the website: http://ceng.calpoly.edu/engineers-week/2008/

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