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HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD MEETING SET FOR FEB. 20
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The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting on Friday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at the Corporation Administration Building beginning Feb. 13. For more information, contact Jim Reinhart, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation at ext. 6-1131.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING IS TOPIC OF CESaME SEMINAR FEB. 20
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On Friday, Feb. 20, guest speaker Edward E. Prather will ask, "Are You Really Teaching If No One Is Learning?" The lecture/workshop is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. in the Science North Building, Room 213. Prather will discuss how to incorporate interactive learning as an effective tool for improving student learning. He will help faculty members become better able to implement interactive learning strategies in their science, mathematics and engineering classes. Seminar participants will have the opportunity to model interactive learning during the presentation.

Prather is executive director of the Center for Astronomy Education at the University of Arizona Steward Observatory. The lecture is hosted by Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education (CESaME) and is the second in a series entitled, "Exploring the Roots of STEM Learning." (STEM is the acronym for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.) Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sarah Heilbrunn at sheilbru@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2859.

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION FORUM SET FOR FEB. 26
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An Information Security Forum, focusing on identity theft and protecting personal information, is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26 from 11 a.m.-noon in the Right Wing of Chumash Auditorium. Identity theft can impact anyone. According to a Federal Trade Commission survey, identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America with 9.9 million victims reported last year. A representative from the San Luis Obispo Police Department will speak and answer questions.

This is an important topic and attendance is encouraged. Attendance is subject to supervisory approval, based on the operational needs of the department. There will also be a brief update on FERPA information. For more information, visit http://security.calpoly.edu/docs/forums/forum-flyer-022609.pdf and http://www.security.calpoly.edu/. If you have questions, contact Information Security Officer Terry Vahey at tvahey@calpoly.edu.

SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAR. 2
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Cal Poly and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) are pleased to be hosting the 12th CSU Regional Symposium on University Teaching. The CSU Symposium is a peer-reviewed conference for teaching and learning. Cal Poly and CSU faculty are encouraged to submit their work for a conference presentation or poster session.

The deadline for submitting proposals has been extended to Mar. 2. For more information about proposal submission and registration, visit http://www.ctl.calpoly.edu/symposium/index.html or contact ctl@calpoly.edu. Proposals submitted for the original Feb. 1 deadline will be reviewed on a rolling basis and notification will be sent within four weeks of submission.

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES MAR. 3
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"The Bitch Manifesto Revisited: Feminism, Gender and Religion" is the title of the third lecture in the Women's and Gender Studies lecture series scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, from 6-8 p.m. in the Community Room of the San Luis Obispo Public Library, 995 Palm Street. Judy Saltzman-Saveker will discuss ways in which feminist critiques have intersected with religion.

Saltzman-Saveker is a professor emeritus in the Philosophy Department, where she has been a faculty member since 1975. She is an active member of the Women's and Gender Studies Advancement Collective. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the Free University of Berlin and a visiting scholar at Stanford. She is the author of "Paul Natorp's Philosophy of Religion Within the Marburg Neo-Kantian Tradition."

The lecture is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Friends of the Library. For more information, contact Women's and Gender Studies Assistant Professor Rachel Fernflores at ext. 6-2330 or rfernflo@calpoly.edu or visit http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/pub_lib.html.

BUSINESS STUDENTS, PROFESSORS OFFER FREE INCOME TAX PREP
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Accounting students, supervised by professors, are offering free tax preparation help to low and moderate income families on Saturdays through Mar. 14 at Cal Poly and Allan Hancock College. A grant from Pacific Capital Bancorp will allow the Orfalea College of Business to expand its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program from a single site in San Luis Obispo to the Allan Hancock site in Santa Maria. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/January/VITA.html.

DEADLINE FOR EXTRAMURAL FUNDING PROPOSALS IS MAR. 30
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The Extramural Funding Initiative (EFI) provides support to assist faculty in submitting competitive proposals for extramural funding. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants, assigned time, and summer compensation for the next academic year is 5 p.m. on Monday, March 30. For application and submission instructions, visit the Research and Graduate Programs Web site at http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu or call the RGP office at 6-1508.

INNOVATION CONTEST OPEN TO FACULTY, STUDENTS OFFERS $30,000 CASH AWARDS
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Innovation Quest, a nonprofit foundation started by Cal Poly alumni, is sponsoring a contest for innovative projects and ideas open only to Cal Poly participants. IQ will provide three awards of $15,000, $10,000 and $5,000 for the best submissions, with the cash awards being made on or about June 1. In addition, all finalists will receive $100 awards. For more information, visit http://www.innovationq.org/, email questions to IQ@innovationq.org or contact Christopher McCann, student director for the Ray Scherr Business Plan Competition at cmccann@calpoly.edu or 310-508-1905.

PROF HELPS LAUNCH RESEARCH CENTER ON SCHOOL GOVERNANCE
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A Cal Poly professor is one of four scholars from around the nation recently given the OK to establish a national research center that focuses on school board governance and district superintendency. George J. Petersen of the College of Education co-wrote the

proposal for the new Joint Center for Superintendency and District Governance in August. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/ and http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/February/Center.html.

PASSINGS: BETTE JEAN TRYON
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Bette Jean Tryon, a longtime member of the Psychology and Child Development Department, passed away on Feb. 1. Tryon came to Cal Poly in 1976 beginning her commitment to teaching our students about children in the classroom. Her professional interests included Montessori education, parent-child relations, personal development, and the application of developmental theory to the school environment. She was a well-loved instructor for the preschool lab and advisor to many parents, students, and faculty.

PASSINGS: MUSTANG COACH MEL KAUFMAN
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Assistant coach and two-time Super Bowl champion Mel Kaufman died Feb. 7, at his home in Santa Margarita. He was 50. A memorial service is planned in San Luis Obispo. Details will be announced. Kaufman was a linebacker for the Cal Poly Division II national championship team of 1980, but he had his greatest success with the Washington Redskins where he won Super Bowls XVII in 1982 and XXII in 1987.

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