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PRESIDENT BAKER TO DEFER DECISION ON COLLEGE BASED ACADEMIC FEES

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President Warren J. Baker announced that he will defer any decision on increasing the College Based Academic Fees at the request of the California State University's Chancellor Charles B. Reed. For more information, visit <a href="http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news-releases/2009/April/cbf">http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news-releases/2009/April/cbf</a> fees deferred.html

## SCIENCE CAFE PRESENTS NANOCAFE APRIL 8

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Just how small is "nano" anyhow, and why should you care? Is nanotechnology here yet? Could you be using nano products right now without even knowing it? Join Cal Poly faculty Kathy Chen (Materials Engineering) and Jane Lehr (Women's and Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies) and special guest Frank Kusiak for a Science Café Wednesday, April 8, 3:30-4:30 pm in the Kennedy Library second floor Learning Commons Café. The Science Café is free and open to the public.

Kusiak is an informal science educator and nanotech outreach specialist at Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science. His background is in instructional design and education via computer gaming and robotics. Kusiak specializes in explaining emerging technologies to a diverse museum-going public. For more information, visit the Science Café Blog at <a href="http://sciencecafe-calpoly.blogspot.com/">http://sciencecafe-calpoly.blogspot.com/</a> or

Science Café on Facebook <a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Luis-Obispo-CA/Science-Cafe-Robert-E-Kennedy-Library-Cal-Poly/62569741179">http://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Luis-Obispo-CA/Science-Cafe-Robert-E-Kennedy-Library-Cal-Poly/62569741179</a>

## CAL POLY TO DEDICATE FIRST LEED CERTIFIED BUILDING APRIL 9

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Cal Poly will dedicate its first LEED certified building on Thursday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m. on the Faculty Offices East bridge. Larry Kelley, vice president of administration and finance and Phil Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics will be on hand to offer a few words about the project and its importance.

Faculty Offices East is a three-story, 27,125 square-foot building. It uses mixed-mode ventilation, skylights for increased day lighting, water-efficient restroom fixtures and energy-efficient lighting to achieve substantial energy savings. The modification of FOE served as a pilot project for the university and is the campus's first LEED Certified building. It received Silver Level Certification in October 2008. For more information, contact Dennis Elliot at ext. 6-2090.

### CAL POLY MEATS SALE BEGINS APRIL 9

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Cal Poly Meats offers fresh beef, pork and chicken cuts. Enjoy a 20 percent off sale on all steaks. Cal Poly Meats is open to the public every Thursday and Friday from noon to 5:30 p.m. in the Food Processing Center, Room 107, next to Campus Market. Sale ends May 1. For more information, contact Andrew Hosford at <a href="mailto:ahosford@calpoly.edu">ahosford@calpoly.edu</a> or ext. 6-2114.

### 'ETHICS OF CYBERWEAPONS' SUBJECT OF TALK APRIL 10

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As the second talk of the Technology and Ethics Lecture Series, Neil C. Rowe, professor of computer science at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, will explain why using cyberweapons might result in war crimes and how we might modify them to avoid such ethical landmines. Rowe will also discuss how we might prosecute and punish cyberwar crimes, which include forensics, interventions, cyberblockades, revelation of secrets and reparations. The talk is on Friday, April 10, from 11-12:30 p.m. in Philips Hall, Room 124, and is free and open to the public. For more information and a flyer, visit <a href="http://ethics.calpoly.edu/">http://ethics.calpoly.edu/</a>.

#### ZIMBRA CALENDAR TRAINING BEGINS APRIL 14

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The Zimbra Calendar will be implemented during the weekend of April 18-19. Reservations are being accepted for calendar training, which begins April 14. The training schedule and sign-up information are available at

<u>http://email.calpoly.edu/zcalendar.html</u>, along with video tutorials, user guides and other information. E-mail service will not be affected. For more information, contact Ellen Stier at ext. 6-5525 or <a href="mailto:estier@calpoly.edu">estier@calpoly.edu</a>.

### ASI CHILDREN'S CENTER KINDERGARTEN 2009-10 INFORMATION NIGHT

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An informational meeting about the Kindergarten program at the ASI Children's Center will be held Wednesday, April 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. Childcare is available. This private Kindergarten is a non-traditional program which allows children to learn and grow at their own pace. We emphasize the development of competent social skills, as well as guidance and support for each child's needs. All children are required to have age eligibility (born between Dec. 3, 2003 and Dec. 2, 2004) in order to be considered for enrollment in Fall 2009. Contact the ASI Children's Center for more information at ext. 6-1267. Sign-ups are required to attend this meeting especially if childcare is requested.

# PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SPRING QUARTER 2009

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The ASI Children's Center has openings for Spring Quarter 2009 for staff and faculty children born March 2004 and prior, for preschool classes, Room 6 and Room 7. Full-time and part-time spaces are available. Limited spaces are also available in the Kindergarten Program during Spring 2009. Kindergarten enrollment requires age eligibility for public kindergarten (born between Dec. 3, 2002 and Dec. 2, 2003). Kindergarteners are required to attend a minimum of Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. but can choose longer days. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, visit the ASI Children's Center to complete a waiting list application or call ext. 6-1267. Mention interest in Room 6 and 7 enrollment. Refrain from calling to inquire about children on our waiting list that were born after March 2004. You will be contacted when space becomes available.

### FINANCIAL PLANNING AND RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS

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'It's never too early...it's never too late' is the theme of the upcoming CalPERS Retirement Planning Fair in San Luis Obispo, and serves as a good reminder for all of us to review our finances and plan for the future. On-campus informational sessions focusing on retirement and financial planning are also scheduled to help you review your Cal Poly options.

April 28 - CalPERS Retirement Planning Fair, Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo. Learn about retirement planning, service credit purchase, Social Security and the State Savings Plus program. Visit the CalPERS Web site, <a href="https://www.calpers.ca.gov/retirementplanningfairs">www.calpers.ca.gov/retirementplanningfairs</a> for fair workshop schedule and registration information.

May 4 - Savings Plus Program financial planning workshops, UU, left wing of Chumash Auditorium

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CSU Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) Program Fund Sponsor Events

May 5: Fidelity Investments and TIAA-CREF

May 6: MetLife, ING, and AIG/Valic

Visit the Human Resources Benefits Web site, <a href="http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefits.asp?pid=3">http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefits.asp?pid=3</a> for workshop schedule and details. Register by calling ext. 6-5436 or email humanresources@calpoly.edu.

\*\*April 16 and 17\*\* - TIAA-CREF representative on campus for individual consultations. Contact Lisa Ratliff at 866-842-2905, ext. 456335 for appointment.

Note: Individual consultations with all TSA Fund Sponsor representatives may be scheduled at any time. See the Fund Sponsor Contact List on the Human Resources Benefits Web site, <a href="http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefits.asp?pid=3">http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefits.asp?pid=3</a> for contact information.

### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR PRESIDENT'S DIVERSITY AWARD

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Nominations for the annual President's Diversity Award are due by April 30. The award will be given in two categories, student organization and campus unit, each of which carries a one-time \$1,000 augmentation to the winner's budget. All faculty, staff and students are eligible to make nominations in these categories. An organization or unit must have exhibited commitment to the value of cultural diversity to qualify for the award. To download nomination forms or find more information, including a list of previous winners, visit <a href="http://diversity.calpoly.edu/iec/recognitions.html">http://diversity.calpoly.edu/iec/recognitions.html</a> or call Academic Programs at ext.6-2246.

## NOMINATIONS UNDERWAY FOR OUTSTANDING FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD

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The Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award recognizes a faculty member who has had a positive influence on students through academic advising. The award recipient will receive a \$1,200 cash stipend, be recognized at Fall Conference, and have his/her picture and award citation posted in Kennedy Library. One faculty member is recognized annually. Note that the nomination should describe the nominee's academic advising services, activities and interactions as distinct from the nominee's teaching responsibilities, and should include any special activities that relate to student development.

Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to nominate faculty for this award. At least one letter must come from a current student. No self-nominations will be recognized. Nomination information and the nomination form can be found at <a href="http://advising.calpoly.edu/council/award/">http://advising.calpoly.edu/council/award/</a>. The deadline for all submissions is May 5.

#### CALPERS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

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The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) currently is accepting nominations for potential candidates for two Member-at-Large representatives on the CalPERS Board of Administration. CalPERS will be conducting the elections later this year. The term of office for the current representatives, Charles Valdes and Kurato Shimada, will expire on January 15, 2010. The new term of office will begin January 16, 2010 and run through January 15, 2014. The Board is responsible for management and control of the administration and investment of the retirement fund and renewal of the annual health insurance contracts for State employees.

Nomination petitions, available from CalPERS, must contain at least 250 original signatures of active State members and must be received at the CalPERS headquarters in Sacramento by 5 p.m. on May 14.

Procedures for becoming a candidate and the election schedule are included in the "Notice of Election" posted in Human Resources and on the HR benefits Web site at <a href="http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefits.asp?pid=3">http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefits.asp?pid=3</a>. Notices were also distributed to each campus department.

CalPERS members who are active on July 1 are eligible to vote in this election. Ballots will be mailed directly to eligible active members on September 4. Marked ballots must be postmarked or received by CalPERS by October 2. Any eligible member who does not receive a ballot by Sept. 18 should contact the Board Elections Office at 800-794-2297 or 916-795-3952.

### CATASTROPHIC LEAVE DRIVE FOR PATRICIA VARGAS

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Patricia Vargas, administrative support assistant in Health Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. To donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Vargas remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence, contact Sarah Pahlow in Health Services at <a href="mailto:spahlow@calpoly.edu">spahlow@calpoly.edu</a> or ext. 6-5279 to request a donation form.

#### STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <a href="http://calpolyjobs.org">http://calpolyjobs.org</a>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#101891—On-Call Custodian, Pool Position, University Housing, Housing and Business Services. Up to 50 positions available, temporary on-call from June 1 through Sept. 30, \$13.20-\$19.81/hour. Open until filled. Review begins: April 7.

#101900–Facilities Worker II, Administration and Finance, Facility Services, \$3,937-\$4,949/month. Closes: April 19.

#101901–Plumber, Administration and Finance, Facility Services, \$4,659-\$6,015/month. Closes: April 19.

#101904—Coordinator of Greek Affairs/Interfraternity Council Advisor, Student Services Professional III, Student Affairs, Student Life and Leadership, \$3,834-\$5,462/month. Open until filled. Review begins: May 1.

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