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News

Organic Pest Control Conference is Dec. 3-4
Cal Poly and California Certified Organic Farmers will host the ninth annual Sustainable Pest Management Conference at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Hall on Dec. 3 and 4. The conference agenda addresses hot topics in California integrated pest management, including the light brown apple moth and other invasive pests; spotted wing drosophila; Asian citrus psyllid; and upcoming changes in water regulations.
More Information on the conference

Cal Poly Engineering Earns National Accreditation
Cal Poly’s College of Engineering recently received accreditation for 11 of its degree programs – including a first-time accreditation for the Software Engineering established in 2003. ABET—the accreditor for university programs in computing, engineering and technology—awards the stamp of approval that assures program quality and adds value to diplomas. Getting that approval involves an ongoing process that culminates in an on-site visit by a team of evaluators every six years.
More about the accreditation

Faculty and Staff

Pension Reform Legislation Impacts New CSU Employees
Confirmation has been received from the CSU Chancellor’s Office that SBX6 22, the Pension Reform bill signed into law by the governor, is applicable to the California State University. SBX 6 22 does not apply to current CSU employees, who will remain under the retirement formula of 2% @ 55 and 3% @ 50 (Unit 8 Public Safety and Public Safety MPP employees only). SBX6 22 does apply to those new to CalPERS hired on or after Jan. 15 (July 1, 2011, for new Unit 8 Public Safety employees)
Read summary information regarding the new law

Prof Gets Two NSF Grants for Underwater Robots
Cal Poly Biological Sciences Professor Mark Moline was recently awarded two grants from the National Science Foundation. One grant will support research on the foraging environment of Adélie penguins on the Antarctic Peninsula. The other will support a collaborative effort with UC Santa Barbara to examine wind and water flows off California’s Central Coast. Both projects will use underwater robotic vehicles developed at Cal Poly.
More on the robots

Curbside Grill Makes a Splash in Food Management Magazine
Curbside Grill was featured in the October Issue of Food Management. The campus eatery was recognized for its unique menu and successful student advertising campaigns. Curbside’s hot truck was featured alongside UCLA and MIT for running a successful and popular program. Congratulations, Curbside Grill.
Professor to Lead Ag Workshops in Central Valley
Cal Poly Agribusiness Professor Lynn Hamilton will lead workshops on USDA renewable energy grant program REAP – Rural Energy for America Program in Bakersfield, Fresno and Tulare on Nov. 18, 19 and 30. Farm, ranch or rural small business owners are encouraged to attend. The workshops are free and open to the public; no registration is required.

Details on the workshops

Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop is Nov. 19
The Employment Equity Facilitator workshop is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 301. It will be the last workshop offered during fall quarter. The workshop will be led by Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity. Cody will be joined by Carolyn Johnson from Academic Personnel and Carrie Wilemon from Human Resources to answer questions about faculty and staff recruitment. For more information or to sign up for the workshop, contact Sumi Seacat at sseacat@calpoly.edu or x6-7387.

Applications Available For Faculty-Led Programs
International Education and Programs invites faculty to apply to teach for the Winter 2012 Australia Study Program, the Spring 2012 Thai Study Program, and the Summer 2012 London Study and Summer 2012 Peru Study programs. Applications are available on the International Education and Programs web site. The application submission deadline is Dec. 1.

Distinguished Scholarship Award Nominations Due Dec. 6
Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate Cal Poly faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Awards. These awards recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both junior and senior faculty across all disciplines represented at Cal Poly. Nominations are due Dec. 6. Visit the Distinguished Scholarship Award web site for more information.

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals
The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge. The intent of the program is strengthening California socially, culturally and economically. The deadline for faculty to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the 2011-12 year is Jan. 21, 2011. For guidelines and an application form, visit the Research and Graduate Programs web site or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Campus Announcements

Know a 2010 Grad? Get 'Em a Grad Pack, Senior Class Gift
Cal Poly Alumni Association Grad Packs include an annual or life membership, benefits packet and an 'Alumni' chrome license plate frame at the special rate of $20.10. Grad Packs make great gifts for graduating seniors and are available online or by calling the Alumni Office at ext. 6-2586.

Back by popular demand this year: the Senior Class Gift. The class gift campaign was the idea of Cal Poly's Student Philanthropy Council.

More on 2010 Grad Packs | More on Donating to the Senior Class Gift 2010

Holiday Hams are On Sale Now
It's that time of year. Cal Poly student-produced holiday hams are now on sale. Whole and half hams are available for $3.25 per pound and quantities are limited. The fully cooked hams are custom prepared using Cal Poly's special blend to ensure
the finest product possible. All hams are cured to enhance natural flavor and improve tenderness. The hams are then slow cooked and smoked with a natural hardwood smoke. Hams are vacuum packaged and ready for the holidays. Order now by calling the Cal Poly Meats Lab at ext. 6-2114, or e-mail your order to calpommeats@calpoly.edu.

**Zimbra 6 "Tips and Tricks" Forum is Today**

ITS invites faculty and staff to attend a "Tips and Tricks" forum on Zimbra e-mail and calendar from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday (today) in UU 220. Forum content is based on specific feedback from academic and administrative units across campus about how the Zimbra upgrade can help you be more productive. Questions and suggestions are welcome from all attendees.

**International Education Week is Nov. 15 – 19**

Cal Poly’s International Education & Programs (IEP) will celebrate International Education Week, Nov. 15-19 by collaborating with campus departments, clubs and programs to heighten international awareness. A schedule of IE Week events on campus can be found on the IEP events calendar.

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of an effort to build international understanding, promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study and exchange ideas in the United States. More information can be found at [http://iew.state.gov/](http://iew.state.gov/).

**Taiwan Film Double Feature Set for Nov. 18**

The History Department, the Asian Studies Minor and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles present a public screening of two films about Taiwanese music.

"Cape No. 7" (2008) is a Taiwanese comedic and romantic film about rock music and the legacy of Japanese colonialism in Taiwan. The film is in Taiwanese, Mandarin Chinese, and Japanese languages (with English subtitles). It won three awards at the 2008 Taipei Film Festival and is the second top grossing film in Taiwan's history (after "Titanic").

Director Wei Te-Sheng humorously weaves together stories of a WWII-era romance between a Japanese teacher and his Taiwanese student, and the tribulations of a struggling Taiwanese rock band.

"The Rhythm in Wulu Village" (2003) is a Taiwanese ethnographic documentary film about the eastern Taiwanese Bunun Aboriginal people and their unique polyharmonic choral singing. In the 1950s, their song “Tribute to a Good Harvest” overturned Western musicologists’ theories about the historical progress of music. However, the Bunun people still face questions of poverty and of the disappearance of their culture and traditions.

The double feature is set for Thursday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in UU 220. For more information, contact Andrew Morris at ext.
Colloquium to Honor George Cotkin and Rafael Jimenez-Flores
Faculty and staff are invited to attend an interdisciplinary colloquium Thursday, Nov. 18, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Kennedy Library, 2nd Floor Café. Interim President Robert Glidden and Provost Robert Koob, in association with the Academic Senate Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee, will host the colloquium to honor the professional and creative work of Professor George Cotkin of the History Department and Professor Rafael Jiménez-Flores of the Dairy Science Department. Cotkin and Jiménez-Flores were the recipients of the 2010 Distinguished Scholarship Award. Cotkin will present "Diving with Moby-Dick and Other Demons." Jiménez-Flores will present "Milk as a Source of Inspiration for Foods of the Future: A Cal Poly Team Approach." A social hour will follow the presentations. Seating is limited; reservations are encouraged. Call ext. 6-2186 by Nov. 15, or e-mail academicaffairs@calpoly.edu.

Get Your Green On!
A groundswell of spirit is bubbling up at Cal Poly. The Mustang Maniacs, with support from Athletics and El Corral Bookstore, are urging students, faculty and staff to Get Your Green On! every Thursday. The goal is to celebrate Cal Poly's rich traditions, support all our student-athletes and show our pride for Cal Poly. We want to SEE a SEA of Green every Thursday and at every athletics event! Visit the Cal Poly Spirit Page, and stay tuned for more spirit events.

Bella Montana, A Faculty and Staff Housing Community
Visit the Bella Montana Homes web site for available homes for sale or rent.

Now Available: Holiday Meals and Desserts from Village Market
This holiday season treat your family and friends to something special. Village Market offers a wide selection of holiday meals, desserts, and a la carte side dishes. Receive $5 off your next holiday meal order by using promo code “HOLIDAYS2010” when placing your order online. Place orders online today at the Campus Dining Holiday web site, stop by Village Market in Poly Canyon Village or call ext. 6-1959.

Events

Five Steinways + Five Siblings = Master Concert Nov. 10
Five Steinways plus five virtuoso piano siblings equal the perfect combination for a stunning musical feast. These young, Julliard-trained superstars play in solo, duet, trio and quintet sets on stage, dazzling audiences with performances of classical selections from past albums as well as selections from their newly-released album, “The 5 Browns in Hollywood.” Performance time is 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, in the Christopher Cohan Center.

Details on Five Steinways at www.calpolyarts.org

Theatre & Dance Department Stages 'Antigone' Nov. 11-13 and 18-30
Cal Poly’s Theatre & Dance Department will stage “Antigone and Letters to Soldiers Lost,” adapted from Sophocles. Performances are set for Nov. 11-13 and 18-20 in Spanos Theatre.

More information and tickets for Antigone

SLO Symphony Classics II
Come see the SLO Symphony perform Nov. 13 at 8:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

More details on the SLO Symphony

See Donizetti’s Don Pasquale in High Def Nov. 14

Come see Donizetti's Don Pasquale, part of The Met: Live in HD 2010-11 series Sunday, Nov. 14. There will be an encore performance at 2 p.m. It will include James Levine, conductor; Anna Netrebko (Norina), Matthew Polenzani (Ernesto), Mariusz Kwiecien (Dr. Malatesta), and John Del Carlo (Don Pasquale). The performance will be shown on an expansive 22-foot x 40-foot screen in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office.

For more information on Don Pasquale

Piano Student Recital Nov. 16

Support our student pianists! Stop by the Davidson Music Center, Room 218 for a free recital on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

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


Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at http://calpolyjobs.org to view detailed information about the following vacancies, and to complete the management application to apply for the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-6570.


#102185 – Interim Chief of Staff, President's Office (internal search open to current Cal Poly employees only), Administrator III, Office of the President, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 1, 2010.


Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at http://calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise
specified in the ad.


#102168 – Assistant Professor, Sculpture, Art & Design Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-1149. Job closes: Jan. 3, 2010.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the web site at http://www.calpolycorporation.org or call ext. 6-1121.

Assistant Supervisor, Campus Dining, $10.54-$12.91 per hour, full-time, 10-month position. Requires high school degree or equivalent and one year food, retail or hospitality experience; two years experience preferred. Will work at a food facility on Cal Poly campus. Must be able to lift and carry 50 lbs.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit http://www.asi.calpoly.edu to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.