Friend of Cal Poly and Audio Pioneer Sidney Harman Dies at Age 92

Sidney Harman, founder of Harman International Industries, Inc., publisher of Newsweek magazine, and friend of Cal Poly, died of Tuesday, April 12, of complications from acute myeloid leukemia. He was 92. Harman was a significant contributor to the completion of the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center. In 1996, Harman's generous gift of JBL Professional and Harman International audio equipment brought rich sound amplification to productions at the PAC. The hall was named to honor Sidney Harman.

More on Harman

Cal Poly Magazine Spring 2011 Edition is Here

Cal Poly Magazine spring 2011 edition is available online now. This quarter, it's all about innovation - Find out about students and faculty working to save California's monarch butterfly population; learn how three engineering alumni are making major impacts in solar power; read an interview with Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Cal Poly's ninth permanent president. All this and much more in the spring 2011 Cal Poly Magazine.

Poly Canyon Village Recognized as Best New Development

Cal Poly's newest student housing complex, Poly Canyon Village, has been honored with the Innovator Award by Student Housing Business magazine. The honor was given to Poly Canyon Village architectural designer Niles Bolton Associates for the category of Best New Development: On-Campus. The award was presented April 13 at the Interface Student Housing Conference held in Austin, Texas.

More on the award

Facilities Services Recognized for Sustainability Achievements

Facilities Services staff were recognized by University Business magazine for effective solutions that reduce paper waste, increase efficiency and data transfer, and support the university's mission to maximize sustainable practices. Facilities Services is part of the Facilities Planning and Capital Group. Together they are responsible for the maintenance and operation of the buildings and grounds on 1,321 acres of the main campus, as well as new construction and adherence to the university's master plan.

More on the award

Faculty and Staff

Faculty Survey of Student Engagement Underway

Faculty members are asked to take the "Faculty Survey of Student Engagement" (FSSE) to answer questions about student engagement at Cal Poly from their perspective. The survey is administered every three years and accompanies a student version that is also underway. Responses are anonymous and confidential, and the survey should only take 15-20 minutes to complete. Don't miss
this opportunity to speak your mind and provide valuable information to help improve the quality of our students' educational experiences. Questions? Contact Brent Goodman, Institutional Planning & Analysis at bgoodman@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2204. For more information about FSSE, visit http://fsse.iub.edu/

Catastrophic Leave Drive for Renee Elliott

Renee Elliott, administrative support coordinator in Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Elliot remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Doretta Takagi, Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid, at ext. 6-1304 or dtakagi@calpoly.edu, to request a donation form.

Catastrophic Leave Drive for Robert Folger

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Campus Announcements

Alumni Association Seeks Nominations for Service and Leadership Awards

The Cal Poly Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for The Distinguished Service Award and the Sandra Gardebring Ogren Leadership Award. The Distinguished Service Award is for a Cal Poly alumna(e) who has distinguished themselves with the Cal Poly Alumni Association through their service to Cal Poly and/or the CPAA. Download the DSA nomination form in PDF or Word format.

The Sandra Gardebring Ogren Leadership Award is awarded annually, or as deemed appropriate to an individual who is an accomplished leader in life and an indispensable supporter of Cal Poly. Download the Leadership nomination form in PDF or Word format.

Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center Earns Reaccreditation

The Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center has again earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals. The reaccreditation signifies an ongoing commitment by the program staff to provide the highest quality early care and education services to the families of Cal Poly.

More on the reaccreditation

“Soup & Substance” Continues the Hate Crimes Discussion at Noon on April 21

Written comments from the March 29 Forum on Hate Crimes are now posted verbatim online. Continuing the discussion, a special “Soup & Substance” will be held at noon on Thursday, April 21 in UU-220. Panelists include John Shoals, Cal Poly graduate and Mayor of Grover Beach; Camille O’Bryant, department head of Kinesiology; and Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity. Co-sponsors are the Office of Inclusive Excellence, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and Student Life & Leadership. Enjoy a hot bowl of soup until it runs out. Contact inclusive@calpoly.edu for more information.

President’s Diversity Award Nominations Due April 22

The President’s Diversity Award is designed to celebrate campus units that have exhibited commitment to the value of cultural diversity. Provided that deserving entities are nominated in each category, the award is shared between a recognized student organization and another unit of the university or auxiliary (such as a department or program). Each winning unit receives a $1,000 augmentation to its budget for one year. Visit the Inclusive Excellence web site and get the nomination form. Any faculty, staff or student may nominate an eligible campus unit for this award. Nomination information and the electronic nomination form can be found on the Inclusive Excellence site. Deadline for all submissions is April 22.
Faculty and Staff Can Nominate Inspiring Students for Scholarship

Nominations are being sought from faculty and staff for truly unusual students who have overcome personal tragedy or hardship that suggests an inner strength and a commitment to maintain academic progress. Letters of nomination are due April 22 and should include: name of the nominee; a description of the nominee's personal strengths and potential for success; insight into the character of the nominee; and the nominee's ability to excel under personal adversity. Direct letters of nomination to: Courtney Elizabeth Smyth Memorial Scholarship, c/o Student Life & Leadership, University Union, Room 217. For more information, contact Stephan Lamb at ext. 6-6509.

Next Information Security Open Forum is April 27

Have you recently received email notifications associated with the Epsilon breach informing you that your name and/or email address may have been accessed by unauthorized personnel? If so, do you know what you should be aware of next?

The next Information Security Open Forum will be held Wednesday, April 27 from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 220. Find out how to identify phishing email messages, along with best practices and safety tips when using the Internet.

Nominations for the 25th Annual President's Community Service Awards Underway

The President’s Community Service Awards are set for Tuesday, May 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the University House. There will be live music and refreshments. The awards are presented to students, faculty and staff for their contributions to the quality of life in San Luis Obispo and their spirit of civic engagement. Awards are given to highlight specific achievements in service. The awards are selected on the basis of the written nomination by a panel of faculty, staff and students. President Armstrong personally recognizes award recipients for their efforts.

Each award category is designed to highlight specific achievements in service. The awards are competitive and selected on the basis of the written nomination by a panel of faculty, staff and students. Visit the Student Life and Leadership web site to submit nominations. Deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, April 29. For more information, contact Stacy Tabuena at stabuena@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-5883.

Deadline to Sign Up for Women in Ag and Natural Resources Careers Luncheon is May 6

Career Services will host the Women in Agriculture and Natural Resources Careers Speakers Panel and Luncheon on Friday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Lobby.

A panel of female professionals representing a range of career paths within agriculture and natural resources will share their advice and insight with the audience. This discussion will be followed by an informal networking luncheon, where students will have an opportunity to interact with the panelists while enjoying a complimentary buffet lunch.

Panelists include: Tonya Antle, Vice President of Organic Sales - retired, Earthbound Farm; Peggy Biltz, CEO, Dairy Council of California; Mica Heilmann, Soil and Agricultural Scientist, NewFields Agricultural & Environmental Resources; Kris O'Connor, Executive Director, Central Coast Vineyard Team; Celeste Settrini, President, California Women for Agriculture; and Sarah Spann, Senior Project Manager, Padre Associates, Inc.

RSVP no later than May 6. Complete the online registration form on the Career Services web site.

Cal Poly Foundation Board to Meet on May 7

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its next board meeting, which is open to the public, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Bonderson Projects Center. For more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly...
Poly Escapes Offers Outdoor Gear Rentals

Poly Escapes is the best place to find the highest quality outdoor gear at the lowest prices. Available equipment includes respected brands such as Sierra Designs, Kelty and Osprey. Poly Escapes has what you need for all types of adventures. Poly Escapes is located on the first floor of the University Union. Check out a full gear list, including pricing, at asi.calpoly.edu. Take advantage of the beautiful spring weather and organize a trip today.

Julian's Patisserie Celebrates 25 Years of Service at Cal Poly

For the past 25 years, Julian's has been serving delicious coffee drinks and sweet treats to thousands of Cal Poly customers. To celebrate this milestone and thank their dedicated customers, they are rolling back the price of drip coffee to 1986 prices all week, from April 25 until May 1st. Julian's will also host a free cake and coffee reception on Thursday, April 28 at 3 p.m., at Julian's. All are welcome to attend. Come celebrate with us on the 2nd floor of the Kennedy Library.

Free Combo Meal Text Coupon for the New Mobile Food Carts - Rolling up to a Curb Near You

You won't have to go too far to get some spicy chicken curry soup and $3 combo meals. The new Street Eats and Soup Stop Food Carts may be rolling up to your office! This week, find both carts at Dexter Lawn, Tuesday-Thursday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Text “DEALS” to 64842 to download a coupon for one free combo meal at Street Eats or Soup Stop when you purchase another combo meal at equal value. Show the text coupon from your phone for redemption. Menus and locations at www.twitter.com/cpmobilefood.

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes web site for available homes for sale.

Events

Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers Perform April 21

See top swing and jump blues band Lavay Smith and her Red Hot Skillet Lickers in the Spanos Theatre on Thursday, April 21. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Sultry chanteuse Lavay Smith performs a large repertoire of classics by Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington, Count Basie, and Duke Ellington.

Details on Smith and the Skillet Lickers

Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist Leonard Pitts, Jr. Speaking in Spanos April 21

Leonard Pitts, Jr. joined The Miami Herald in 1991 as its pop music critic. Since 1994, he has penned a syndicated column of commentary on pop culture, social issues and family life. Pitts was recently awarded the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, the first for this esteemed journalist. Twice each week, millions of newspaper readers around the country seek out his rich and uncommonly resonant voice. In a word, he connects with them. Pitts will be at the Spanos Theatre on April 21 to talk about his writing and commentary on certain social issues.

More information on Pitts

Cal Poly University Jazz Band Swing Dance Concert Set for April 22

The public is invited to a dance concert Friday, April 22, featuring original swing-era tunes played by Cal Poly's University Jazz Band No. 1. The concert will run from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium in the University Union on campus. Free swing dance lessons will be given at 7 p.m.
Cal Poly Pier in Avila Beach Will be Open to the Public April 23

The Cal Poly Pier in Avila Beach will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23. The event is free, and the community is invited to come learn more about the marine research there. Bring the kids and enjoy special touch tanks full of marine creatures including sea stars, crabs, octopi and urchins. Experience the world of microscopic plankton. Watch robots explore the sea bottom through a live video feed – and operate a “remote” underwater vehicle yourself.

Details on the pier event

The MET Live in HD: Strauss’s Capriccio on April 23

On Opening Night of the 2008–09 season, Renée Fleming dazzled audiences when she sang the final scene of Strauss’s wise and worldly meditation on art and life. Now she performs the entire work, in which the composer explores the essence of opera itself. Matthew Polenzani and Sarah Connolly also star, and Andrew Davis conducts. Andrew Davis; Renée Fleming, Sarah Connolly, Joseph Kaiser, Russell Braun, Morten Frank Larsen, Peter Rose. See the performance April 23 at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

More information on Strauss's Capriccio

Taiwan Film Screening: Double Feature on May 5

The History Department, the Asian Studies Minor, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles present a public screening of two films commemorating the 100th year of the Republic of China (the current government of Taiwan). The double feature begins at 11:10 a.m. and takes place in the right wing of Chumash Auditorium, UU 207.

The first film, “Three Times,” a 2005 feature film by the famed director Hou Hsiao-Hsien begins at 11:10 a.m. This original film is composed of three chronologically separate love stories, set in 1911, 1966 and 2005, all featuring the same lead actors, Shu Qi and Chang Chen. Through these three stories the viewer can see the incredible changes that have taken place in the Republic of China over the last century, which saw this regime overthrow the Qing Dynasty in 1911 and then relocate to Taiwan after communist revolution of 1949. American director Jim Jarmusch called “Three Times” “one of the most perfect pieces of cinema I’ve ever seen,” and the New York Times judged it “a masterpiece. This is why cinema exists.” Hou is a leading figure of Taiwan’s New Wave cinema movement and was named by The Village Voice and Film Comment as “Director of the 1990s.”

The second film, “Grandma’s Hairpin,” a 2000 documentary from Taiwan, begins at 1:30 p.m. This film examines some of the 600,000 veterans of China’s civil war (1945-49) who relocated to Taiwan with the Republic of China government and armed forces, and their lives since then. Until 1987, these veterans were not allowed to travel back to their mainland China homes; at the same time, Taiwanese resentment toward the ROC government made it hard for these men to set down new roots in Taiwan.

Astronomy Club to Host Astronomer, Photographer Tyler Nordgren May 7

The Cal Poly Astronomy club will host astronomer Tyler Nordgren on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Business Rotunda.

Nordgren is an astronomer, photographer, professor and author of the new book "Stars Above, Earth Below: A Guide to Astronomy in the National Parks." In 2007, Nordgren took a sabbatical and spent 12 months exploring and photographing the night skies within our
national parks.

He will share his photos and experiences during this free and public event. A “star party” will immediately follow with opportunities to view Saturn, the waxing crescent moon, double stars, and other astronomical wonders. For more information about this event and to view the flyer, visit http://cesame.calpoly.edu or call the CESaME office at ext. 6-2859.

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.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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.

#102331 - Assistant or Associate Professor, Broadcast Journalism, Journalism Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-2508. Closes: May 23, 2011.

#102329 - Tenure Track Position, Managerial Accounting, Accounting Department, Orfalea College of Business ext. 6-1543. Review begins: May 23, 2011.

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. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, visit our web site. For assistance contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.