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'Explore Cal Poly' at Open House 2007 Friday, Saturday
Cal Poly's 14th Annual Open House sets sail April 19-21.
This year's theme is "Explore Cal Poly: Begin Your Adventure." The annual event showcases the campus to admitted and current students, their families, alumni, and the San Luis Obispo community. The weekend starts with Club Preview Night at Farmer's Market April 19. Thousands of students and their parents will visit campus on Admitted Students' Preview Day April 20. Students, parents and the community are invited to campus Saturday, April 21 for Open House -- starting with the Poly Royal Parade through campus and moving on to club displays, food, entertainment, a children's area, the Design Village architecture and construction competition in Poly Canyon, the Cal Poly Rodeo, and of course the tractor pull. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.openhouse.calpoly.edu.

Sports Events

This Week in Cal Poly Athletics - Go Mustangs!
Baseball vs UC Riverside - three game series:
Friday, April 20, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 21, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m.
For tickets, call 1-866-Go-Stangs or visit www.GoPoly.com.

Open House parking lot and road closures
On Friday, April 20, nearly 3,000 accepted students and their families will visit campus for Admitted Students' Preview Day, the beginning of Open House weekend. In an effort to provide a safe and welcoming environment for campus visitors, the University Police Department has issued the following parking and traffic flow modifications:

Friday, April 20
- Disabled parking will be available on the top level of the parking structure
- Parking lots H-1, H-2, H-12, H-13, H-14 and H-16 will be reserved for Open House guests
- At 5 p.m. North Perimeter Road will be closed to traffic from Via Carta Road to California Boulevard
- At 5 p.m. parking lots H-2a, H-10, H-11, and H-4a (adjacent to the Agricultural Engineering Building) will closed until noon on Sunday, April 22

Saturday, April 21
- Disabled parking will be available in the C-7 parking
- From 8 to 10:30 a.m., South Perimeter Road and North Perimeter Road will be closed for the Open House Parade
- North Perimeter Road from Poly Canyon to California Boulevard will be closed all day

UPD suggests that faculty, staff and students use alternate modes of transportation to campus, such as carpooling, vanpooling, bus service, walking, or biking. For more information regarding campus access and parking, call UPD at ext. 6-6675, or tune to AM 1610. For recorded information about other Open House activities, call the Open House hotline at ext. 6-2764. To speak with an Open House representative, use ext. 6-7576. Information is also available at http://openhouse.calpoly.edu.

Provost's Seminar Series continues with fuel cell expert April 23
The third lecture in the Provost's Seminar Series on Civic Engagement will feature Ravi Datta, a professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering and director of the Fuel Cell Center at Worcester Polytechnic University in Worcester, Mass. On Monday, April 23, 1:10 to 2 p.m. in UU, Room 220, Datta will present "Fuel Cells in Sustainable Transportation: Promises and Pitfalls." Following an introduction to fuel cells, Datta will outline their potential use in transportation, including technological issues that still need to be addressed. For more information on Datta's presentation, visit http://honors.calpoly.edu/invites/RaviDattaTalk.htm.

UPD bike auction to be held April 24-25
The University Police Department will hold its annual bike auction on Tuesday, April 24, and Wednesday, April 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the UPD on North Perimeter Road. For more information, call ext. 6-6654 or visit http://police.calpoly.edu./

Two LGBT ally training sessions set for April 27
The Pride Center is offering two LGBT ally training sessions on Friday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. in UU, Room 220. The workshops are for faculty, staff and students who are interested in becoming allies for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. To make a reservation, contact Erin Echols, coordinator of the Pride Alliance, at eechols@calpoly.edu.
Volunteers sought for PREFACE book discussions
Now in its sixth year, the PREFACE program helps orient new students to campus by offering a book to read over the summer and coordinating small-group discussions during WOW. Registration is now underway for volunteers to lead the discussions, scheduled for Sept. 12. All current and emeriti faculty and staff are invited to volunteer. PREFACE provides resource materials and a free book to all volunteers. To register, visit www.preface.calpoly.edu. The PREFACE book for 2007 is "All Over Creation," written by Ruth Ozeki. The novel is a humorous tale of quirky characters, New Age corporate life, globalization, political resistance, youth culture, and aging baby boomers.

Personal catastrophic leave authorized for Cynthia G. Bitto
Cynthia G. Bitto, administrative analyst/specialist in computer science, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Cynthia remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Diane Nott in computer science at ext. 6-2825 or dnott@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Faculty recruitment underway for Valladolid, Spain fall program
Cal Poly's Valladolid, Spain, program is recruiting for a resident director and faculty to teach during the fall 2008 session. Faculty members will teach a full load of courses. For information and applications, contact Program Coordinator William Martinez at wmartine@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1212. The deadline for applications is May 11 at 4 p.m.

Sign up now for Smart Room and Portable Projector classes
Faculty are encouraged to attend classes, hosted by ITS Media Distribution Services, designed to help laptop users be successful in using campus smart rooms and portable projectors. Classes are individually tailored to Mac or PC users and focus on common issues such as display/image, network, and audio. Attendees may use their laptops to work through specific questions. To register, visit http://training.calpoly.edu or contact Dan Mull at ext. 6-2212.

Eyeglass donation drive to benefit international charity
Faculty, staff and students are urged to round-up used eyeglasses/sunglasses and put them into marked bins located in the Student Community Services office, UU, Room, 217. The glasses will be donated to I Care International, Inc., a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers who travel around the world providing vision examinations, eye care, surgery and prescription eyeglasses to those in need. The drive will continue throughout spring quarter. For more information, call Student Community Services at ext. 6-5834 or visit www.icareinternational.org.

Maraviglia featured in national magazine
Jim Maraviglia, assistant vice president for admissions, recruitment and financial aid, was featured in the "Leaders and Innovators" section of Enrollment Management Report. In the article, Maraviglia credits his unit's innovations to "great staff members," including Donna Amos, Albert Nunez, Cindee Bennett-Thompson, Walter Harris and Lois Kelly. "Cal Poly's use of electronic communications in the recruitment and admissions process are a model for institutions around the country," according to the article.

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