Blowout sale at Poly Plant Shop today to benefit student team

Poly Plant Shop is having a blowout sale to benefit the Cal Poly Flower Judging team. Specially marked potted flowering plants and cut flowers will be sold at wholesale prices Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Flower Judging bouquets will be sold for $5 apiece or two for $8. Customers who spend $50 or more on Flower Judging plant material will receive a four-inch Flower Judging potted plant while supplies last. Proceeds will help the Flower Judging team travel to the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition scheduled for March 28-30 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. For more information, visit www.polyplantshop.com.

Order Cal Poly Meats Easter hams now

A limited number of student produced Easter hams are now on-sale on a first-come first-serve basis. Whole or half hams are available for $2.95 per pound. All hams are cured, slow cooked, smoked and vacuum packed. To order hams, call or email Lauren Luque at ext. 6-2114 or lluque@calpoly.edu. Hams are available for pick-up Thursday April 5 and Friday April 6, noon to 5 p.m. Payment is due at pickup. Make checks payable to Cal Poly Corporation. Reserved hams not picked-up by Friday at 5 p.m. will be sold to standby customers.

Fee waiver deadlines for summer quarter

Employees are reminded that forms must be completed each quarter in order to participate in the fee waiver program:

- April 1 - Last day to submit CSU admission application for employees new to the program (undecided/non-matriculated status only)
- June 1 - Last day for continuing participants to submit fee waiver form (HR 133) and the deadline for eligible employees who transfer their fee waiver benefit to their spouse, dependent or registered domestic partner to submit a Dependent Fee Waiver Designation form (HR 133C) to Human Resources, Administration Building, Room 110.

Forms, guidelines and procedures are available on the Human Resources website at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hree/training/index.html. For more information, call Lisa Hensley at ext. 6-7246.

Strategic planning continues

Cal Poly is participating in "Access to Excellence," a CSU system-wide strategic planning activity to supersede "Cornerstones," the CSU strategic plan that has guided the university for the past ten years. On Feb. 27 faculty and staff gathered to hear campus representatives offer feedback to CSU representatives. The "Access to Excellence" conversation will be a stepping stone to campus review processes for the renewal of strategic plans within individual colleges and units, as well as the campus-wide strategic plan and the related renewal of the Master Plan for the campus. Faculty and staff are encouraged to learn more about the initiative and provide input throughout the process. Campus specific "Access to Excellence" activities are coordinated by Unny Menon at umenon@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1180. For more information on system-wide efforts, visit http://www.calstate.edu/acadaff/system_strategic_planning/.
**Academic Senate for 2007-2008 announced**


**Sign-up now for spring quarter ITS training workshops**

Spring quarter ITS training workshops begin the week of April 9, and registration is now open. These workshops are available to all faculty and staff and cover a variety of software applications as well as pedagogical tips for more effective teaching and learning with technology. Check out the complete list of course offerings at [http://training.calpoly.edu](http://training.calpoly.edu).

**Retirement reception for Jan Defritas March 27**

Say farewell to Jan DeFreitas on Tuesday, March 27, 1 to 4 p.m., in the Administration Building, Room 129. Jan will retire on March 31 after 20 years of service to Cal Poly. She worked in Animal Science for eight years and has spent the last 12 years working in the Fiscal Services-Accounts Payable office. Well-wishers who cannot attend the reception may contact Jan at ext. 6-2291.

**This week in Cal Poly Athletics!**

- **Baseball** 3-game series vs. 2006 National Champions Oregon State- Saturday, March 24, 6 p.m.; Sunday, March 25, 6 p.m. and Monday, March 26, 1 p.m.
- **Softball** vs. St. Mary's- Saturday, March 24, 1 p.m. (doubleheader) and Softball vs. UCLA- Sunday, March 25, 1 p.m. (doubleheader)
- **Men's Tennis** vs. Dartmouth- Saturday March 24, 1 p.m.
- **Women's Tennis** vs. Westmont - Friday, March 23, 4 p.m., Mustang Courts

Feel the excitement! For tickets call 1.866.GO.STANGS or visit [www.GoPoly.com](http://www.GoPoly.com).

**New Horticulture and Crop Science Department Head**

College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences has named John Peterson to head the Horticulture and Crop Science Department. Peterson taught for many years at Ohio State University at Columbus. He comes to Cal Poly from the San Francisco Botanical Garden and Conservatory of Flowers, where he has served as director. Prior to that, he served as the President and CEO of the Turtle Bay Exploration Park, a botanical garden and arboretum along the Sacramento River in Northern California. Before that he led the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for more than a decade. He will begin his new duties at Cal Poly April 23.

**New Dairy Science Department Head Announced**

The College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences has named Bruce L. Golden to head the Dairy Science Department. Golden comes to Cal Poly from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, where he served as a professor of animal genetics and breeding for 19 years. He will begin his duties May 28. Golden received bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science from Washington State University and earned his doctorate in animal breeding from Colorado State University. He will join Cal Poly July 1. Golden has more than 15 years of experience operating a genetic prediction enterprise as part of his interest in data management and animal identification in livestock.

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