Travel reimbursement rates increased
The Chancellor's Office has established new per diem rates for travel beginning Jan 1. The mileage reimbursement rate has been increased to 48.5 cents per mile. The maximum meal reimbursement amounts have been increased to the following: breakfast $10.00, lunch $15.00 and dinner $25.00. For questions regarding travel rate changes, contact John Sullivan in Accounts Payable at ext. 6-1717.

Deadline extended for top staff award
The deadline to submit nominations for the 2006-2007 Outstanding Staff Employee Award has been extended to Jan. 23. Any staff employee, faculty member, department or division head may nominate an eligible employee for the award. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time or part-time employees of the University, Corporation, or ASI who are in at least their third year of employment as of Dec. 31, 2006. Faculty and former recipients are not eligible. Additional information and nomination forms are available at: http://wwwafd.calpoly.edu/HR/index.html. Return completed forms to Sharon Arnold, chair of the Outstanding Staff Employee Award Selection Committee in the College of Science and Mathematics offices, Faculty East Building, Room 229C.

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant proposals
The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the next academic year is Jan. 16. For guidelines and an application form, visit the Research and Graduate Programs website at http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu/sfsg.html, or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Policies protect research subjects, deal with fraud
The University has established policies and procedures for protecting people and animals involved in research projects and for addressing scientific fraud. All faculty, staff and students should be aware of these policies and follow designated procedures when conducting research. Regulations and procedures for working with human or animal subjects in research can be found at http://www.calpoly.edu/~scdavis/human.htm and http://www.calpoly.edu/%7Ergp/animalcare.html, respectively. Policies and procedures addressing scientific fraud and misconduct can be found at: http://www.calpoly.edu/%7Ergp/pdf/fraud.pdf.

Student financial aid deadline Mar. 2
The Financial Aid Office urges faculty and staff to remind students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid process by Mar. 2 to obtain priority status. After Mar. 2, awards will consist of the remaining available federal funds. For more information, call the Financial Aid Office at ext. 6-2927 or visit http://www.ess.calpoly.edu/_finaid/NewFinAid/Apply.htm.

Cal Poly Foundation board meeting planned for Jan. 20
The Cal Poly Foundation board of directors will hold a regular public meeting at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Bonderson Projects Center. For more information about the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call Sandra Ogren at ext. 6-1445.
Employment

#101169-Full-time Lecturer (visiting Assistant/Associate Professor) position in English, English Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext 6-5550) Review Begins: Jan. 26.

#101160-Full-time Lecturer and Assistant Debate Coach, Communication Studies Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext 6-2554) Review Begins: Mar. 15.

ASI: Candidates are asked to visit the Web at www.asi.calpoly.edu/ to complete an application and apply for any positions listed below. For position descriptions and applications, stop by the ASI Business Office, UU 212, or call ext. 6-5800.

Intermittent Chumash Challenge Facilitator, $8.22 per hour. Early morning, late night, weekend, and holiday hours may be required. Under the supervision of the Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, the Intermittent Facilitator is responsible for assisting and/or leading Team Building and High Ropes Workshops to Cal Poly campus groups and non-campus groups at the Chumash Challenge High Ropes Course. Closes: Jan. 19.

Vanpool openings
Save money - reduce commute stress - read a book - enjoy the view - join a vanpool! There are current vanpool openings in Santa Maria, Arroyo Grande, Los Osos/Morro Bay, and Paso Robles. Contact Commuter and Access Services at ext. 6-6680 for more information.

County honors Cal Poly with Pollution Reduction Award
The San Luis County Air Pollution Control District has presented a Pollution Reduction Award to Cal Poly for its efforts to reduce energy consumption and reduce air pollution by installing and operating the largest photovoltaic renewable energy system in the County. The solar panel system, part of an extended California state pilot program, was installed in Sept. on the Engineering West Building at no cost to the university. The system, which is expected to generate 230,000 kilowatt hours per year, was built and is owned by SunEdison. The system will reduce a portion of Cal Poly's energy costs by delivering predictable electrical energy pricing for the university for the next 20 years. Excess power generated by the system is fed directly to the campus grid.

Procurement Department receives national excellence award
For the second time in 11 years, the National Purchasing Institute has honored Cal Poly's Procurement Department with its Annual Achievement of Excellence Award. The award is given to organizations who demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria, including innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity and leadership. Cal Poly was in the top ten of all universities for total points achieved.

Faculty appointment
Brent Hallock was named department chair of the Earth and Soil Sciences Department effective Jan. 1.

Theatre and Dance professor, Al Schnupp, wins awards
Al Schnupp won an Honorable Mention and cash award from Virtual Theatre Project for his play "The Site." He was awarded two Honorable Mentions from Writer's Digest for the plays "The Travels of Tobias" and "The Site."

Jump start winter quarter with CP Men's Basketball home games!
- CP Men's Hoops vs. UCDavis - Thursday Jan. 11, 7 p.m. - Mott Gym *1st 500 students get FREE T-shirts
- CP Men's Hoops vs. Sac State - Tuesday Jan. 16, 7 p.m. - Mott Gym

Passings - William C. Rife, COSM Emeritus
Dr. William C. Rife, Cal Poly Professor Emeritus since 1998, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 3. Bill came to Cal Poly in 1977 as head of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and served in that capacity for over a decade. During his tenure, he also led curriculum development for the University as interim associate vice-president for academic programs before returning full time to the classroom. Generations of students were impressed with his exceedingly well organized and paced courses and phenomenal ability to present chemistry in an intriguing and understandable manner, no matter the major or interests of the students.

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