Cal Poly poinsettias almost ready for annual sale
Cal Poly’s annual poinsettia sale, featuring more than 2,500 plants in 29 different varieties and several colors, begins Nov. 27 and continues through mid-December at the Poly Plant Shop. The plants are grown by students involved in the university’s Poinsettia Agriculture Enterprise Project, which begins in the spring. This year’s poinsettia project offers an assortment of reds, whites, pinks, and other novelty varieties such as Jingle Bells and Marbles. Plant sizes range from a few inches to 4 feet tall. Offers include traditional, centerpiece and tree-shaped forms. Prices range from $6 to $60.

Shakespeare Press Museum Holiday Card Sale
The Shakespeare Press Museum’s annual holiday card sale, featuring unique student-produced cards, begins Thursday, Nov. 30, during the UU Hour (11 a.m.) in the UU Plaza. The retro-modern cards are designed and printed by students in the Shakespeare Press Museum in the Graphic Communication Department using vintage woodcuts and handset type. The cards are printed on antique letterpress-style presses. This year’s printing offers an assortment of traditional and modern designs on festive paper stocks and includes special touches like metallic ink, as well as envelopes with diecut designs and embellishments. Cards are available for $1.50 each or in packages of five for $5. Cards will be available for sale Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 during UU Hour or by appointment. For more information, e-mail shakespearepress@gmail.com.

Winter 2007 waitlist registration
Students can register for up to 22 units during the open enrollment period through CPREG or the Waitlist process. Students should be advised to watch their schedules for automatic enrollments. They will automatically be enrolled via the Waitlist process as seats become available for a course they've waitlisted, unless they:
1) are already enrolled in a different section of the same course, 2) have time conflicts, 3) have reached the unit max, 4) have not met pre-requisites and/or 5) they hold. As soon as possible, students should be sure to drop their name from Waitlists for classes/sections that they do not plan to attend. (Please note: Waitlists will no longer automatically enroll after Jan. 4)

Cal Poly Housing Corporation board meeting set for Dec. 1
The board of directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation will hold its next meeting Friday, Dec. 1, at 9 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for review at the Corporation Administration Building beginning today (Nov. 22). For more information, contact Jim Reinhart, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation, at ext. 6-1131.
Claudia Tantum retires
Claudia Tantum is retiring after 33 years of service to Cal Poly including 12 years of service in the Horticulture and Crop Science Department. Celebrate her retirement Dec. 1 from 3:10-5 p.m. in the Agricultural Sciences Building, Room 210.

Nancy Williams retires
The campus community is invited to attend a reception honoring Nancy Williams, director of Campus Dining. Williams is retiring after 18 years of service to Cal Poly. The reception will be held Thursday, Nov. 30 from 2-4 p.m. in the Veranda Cafe. For more information, contact Pat Hosegood Martin at ext. 6-1151 or pmartin@calpoly.edu.

Distinguished Teaching Award nominations under way
Faculty are encouraged to notify their students that nominations for the Distinguished Teaching Award began Monday, October 30 and end Friday, Dec. 8. This is an opportunity for students to nominate their most outstanding and inspiring professors. More than one nomination may be submitted. Nominations should include the professor’s name, department and a supporting statement containing evidence of merit based on criteria for this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award. The nomination form is available at www.calpoly.edu/~acadser/dta.htm.

Earth & Soil Sciences receives International Education Award
Professor Delmar Dingus of the Earth and Soil Sciences Department received the 2006 Cal Poly International Educator Award. Dingus received the award at the International Education keynote address, Thursday, Nov. 16. The annual honor, sponsored by International Education and Programs, recognizes a faculty member who has significantly contributed to international education at Cal Poly. Dingus’ wide-ranging efforts include coordinating the International Agriculture Development Graduate Program and co-producing a video titled "World Population and the Food Supply."

Faculty appointments
Katherine Chen was appointed department chair of the Materials Engineering Department.
Brian Kennelly was named department chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department.

Cal Poly Athletics upcoming events - Feel the Excitement!
* Mustang Men’s Hoops vs. St. Mary’s-Sunday, Nov. 26, 4 p.m.-Mott Gym.
* Mustang Women’s Hoops vs. Loyola Marymount, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m.-Mott Gym.

‘The Man’ rides into Cohan Center Nov. 24
Cal Poly Arts presents the Tony Award-winning musical, "The Man of La Mancha," Friday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center. For more than 40 years, critics and audiences have agreed that the five time Tony Award-winning "Man of La Mancha" is one of the all-time greats in musical theater history. Based on Miguel de Cervantes’ 17th century literary masterpiece, "Don Quixote," "Man of La Mancha" offers an inspirational story, complex characters, and a breathtaking score featuring the title song "Dulcinea," and "The Impossible Dream."