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University of Michigan Arts, Engineering Libraries Director to Lead Kennedy Library

A veteran librarian known for supporting research and instruction in higher education through the innovative use of emerging technologies has been appointed dean of library services at Cal Poly. Michael D. Miller, current director of the four Arts and Engineering Libraries and interim director of the three Health Sciences Libraries at the University of Michigan, will succeed Hiram Davis, who is retiring in June after 10 years of service to Cal Poly. Miller will begin his new position effective Aug. 14. "Michael Miller’s vision, creativity and experience in planning and integrating technology into library resources will be a real asset to the entire university community," said Cal Poly Interim Provost Bob Detweiler.

Finalist for Provost Position on Campus This Week

William Durgin, vice president for research and associate provost for academic affairs at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, will be on campus Thursday and Friday, June 1-2. Durgin will interview for the position of provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. An open forum is planned from 10:10 to 11 a.m. June 1, in UU 204. The campus community is encouraged to attend the forum, where Durgin will provide a brief presentation and answer questions.

Human Resources Announces Open Enrollment Periods

Over the next several months, open enrollments will be held for the Long-Term Care Program and health and dental benefits.

- **July 1 to Sept. 30:** Long Term Care Program: CalPERS offers a comprehensive program of long-term care benefits through a self-funded, not-for-profit program. Long-term care is the extended care you might need due to a chronic illness, injury or the frailties of old age. The Long-Term Care Program will offer new coverage and rate options during the 2006 Application period. Application kits may be obtained online through the CalPERS web site: www.calpers.ca.gov or by calling 1-800-982-1775.

- **Sept. 1 to Oct. 10:** Benefits Open Enrollment: Provides the opportunity to enroll or change health or dental carriers, enroll or cancel Flex Cash participation, and add eligible dependents. It is also the time to enroll – or re-enroll – in the Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA) and Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DCRA) plans for the 2007 plan year. All changes made during Open Enrollment will be effective Jan. 1, 2007. For more information, call ext. 6-5436 or visit the Human Resources Benefits Web site at: http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html

Taste Ice Cream, Buy Plants at the Poly Plant Shop

The Poly Plant Shop is holding a giant customer appreciation sale June 2-3. All one-gallon nursery plants and 4- and 6-inch foliage plants will be 50 percent off; 4-inch perennials will be on sale for $2.50. The Plant Shop will be offering free Cal Poly ice cream tasting while supplies last.
Attention Newshounds

Final Cal Poly Report of the Year Is June 7

The last issue of the Cal Poly Report for the academic year will be **Wednesday June 7.** Because of reduced staffing this summer, the Cal Poly Report will be published once a month in June, July and August, tentatively set for **July 12 and Aug. 16.** Please submit items for inclusion in summer Report editions to polynews@calpoly.edu. For more information, contact Public Affairs at ext. 6-1511.

Gymnastics Equipment Available to Campus

The Kinesiology Department no longer needs the gymnastics equipment now housed in the old Crandall Gymnasium. It is available for property transfer within the campus community. The equipment includes two trampolines, balance beams, uneven bars, rings, climbing ropes, numerous mats, a tumbling floor mat, and more. Contact Jack Collins at ext. 6-7525 or jcollins@calpoly.edu for details. Preview the items online at [http://kinesiology.calpoly.edu/Gym.htm](http://kinesiology.calpoly.edu/Gym.htm) and [http://kinesiology.calpoly.edu/Mats.htm](http://kinesiology.calpoly.edu/Mats.htm).

Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Reaccredited

The Council on Accreditation for Recreation, Park Resources, and Leisure Services Curricula, sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association and the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, has reaccredited Cal Poly’s Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration program. The program was reviewed for standards relating to the academic unit's mission, philosophy, goals, planning, administration, faculty, students and instructional resources. The program's curriculum requirements relating to research and senior projects resulting were commended. No conditions were placed on the program, placing Cal Poly among the less than 50 percent of universities to be reaccredited this year without conditions.

Sema Alptekin Appointed Honors Director and Faculty Liaison for Community Based Learning

After an internal search, Professor Sema Alptekin has been appointed Director of the University Honors Program, effective summer quarter 2006. She will also serve as Faculty Liaison for Community Based Learning. Professor Alptekin joined the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department (IME) of Cal Poly in 1994, and chaired the department for six years. She also served as chair of the university's Instructional Department Heads Council (IDHC) for four years.

Student Show WTC Models at Farmers' Market Thursday

“WTC Tower 5: Remember, Renew, Rebuild,” a display of models by architecture students, will be featured at the San Luis Obispo Farmers’ Market on **Thursday, June 1, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** The models will be set up near the intersection of Higuera and Broad Streets, in front of Uptown Jean Co. and Lucky Lulu's. Third-year architecture students will show and discuss models of their own designs for the new World Trade Center Tower 5 skyscraper to be built on the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

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