New Academic Senate Executive Committee named
The Academic Senate announces the following Executive Committee membership for the 2006-2007 academic year: Bruno Gibert, chair; Frank Vuotto, vice chair; Myron Hood, statewide senator; Manzar Foroohar, statewide senator; Robert Detweiler, provost; Jim Ahern, CAGR caucus chair; Gary Clay, CAED caucus chair; Lee Burgunder, OCOB caucus chair; Mei-Ling Liu, CENG caucus chair; John Soares, CLA caucus chair; Steve Rein, COSAM caucus chair; Wayne Montgomery, Professional Consultative Services caucus chair.

Library Dean Hiram Davis to retire; reception to be June 7
Dean of Library Services Hiram Davis is retiring at the close of the academic year, ending a decade of service to Cal Poly and 35 years of leadership in academic libraries. Friends and colleagues are invited to a retirement reception for him from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, in the Smith Alumni House. Among Davis’ many accomplishments is the development of the Kennedy Library’s Learning Commons, a resource devoted to fostering creative, flexible relationships among students and professors, resources and technology.

Cal Poly to donate $500 in remembrance of Kristin Smart
In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the disappearance of Kristin Smart, Cal Poly’s SAFER program will donate $500 to the Kristin Smart Point of Hope Memorial at the Dinosaur Caves in Shell Beach. SAFER is accepting donations for the campus gift through Friday, May 26. To donate, contact Devon Hodgson at ext. 6-5839.

PolyPhonics to present ‘A Night at the Pops’ May 28
Members of PolyPhonics will give a benefit concert titled "Happiness is ... A Night at the Pops" at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 28, in the Spanos Theatre. The concert is a benefit to raise funds for a student-musician concert tour of Europe. PolyPhonics and the Wind Ensemble have been invited to perform at the annual Mid-Europe Conference for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles in Schladming, Austria. Donations to help fund the students’ trip are still being accepted. Tickets are $10 and $15 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office and at the door the night of the concert.

Architecture students to showcase designs
Fifth-year architecture students will kick off an exhibit of their design-studio work with an opening reception 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 26, in Chumash Auditorium. The exhibit, “Coalesce,” will include designs for furniture, affordable housing, urban areas, airports and other projects. The exhibit will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 27-28, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 29. For more information, call ext. 6-8330.

Cano to give commencement address at Spokane College
Raul Cano, Cal Poly’s Unocal chair for Environmental Studies and director of the university’s Environmental Biotechnology Institute, has been named outstanding alumnus and 2006 commencement speaker at Spokane Falls Community College. He will deliver the commencement address June 15. The Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award honors alumni who have made notable contributions in their chosen field at a national or international level and have demonstrated philanthropic or public service activity that supports their community or the college.
New master's degree in accounting to start fall quarter
A new Master of Science degree program in accounting, with specializations in tax and financial accounting, will begin fall quarter. The program had been approved by Chancellor Reed in February 2001, but was put on inactive status because of budget constraints. Provost Bob Dettweiler and Dean Dave Christy, with approval from the Chancellor's Office, decided to implement the program in the fall. The Graduate Studies — Accounting (GSA) course prefix will be become effective, too. 05021 is the reporting code for the degree program, both specializations and the course prefix.

Student ensemble to stage modern-day morality play
The Music Department student production ensemble RSVP will stage productions of "Pulse!" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, and Thursday, June 1, in the Pavilion in the Performing Arts Center. The "transmedia" production begins a trilogy exploring the primeval elements of music itself, said artistic director Antonio Barata. "A blending of sound, visuals and staging, this theatrical concert is based on the medieval genre of a morality play, where characters represent archetypes of virtues and emotions." Tickets are $11 and are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

'Community-based learning' topic of May 26 workshop
Faculty members are invited to a workshop, Incorporating Civic Engagement Into the Curriculum, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 26, in the Vista Grande Banquet Room. Seth Pollack, associate professor and director of the Service Learning Institute at CSU Monterey Bay, will lead the workshop. Pollack received the 2005 Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning and is a renowned expert on incorporating service into the academic curriculum. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m., the workshop will begin at 10 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon. The workshop is free; however, advance registration is required. Faculty who attend will receive a $50 gift certificate to El Corral Bookstore. To register, contact Joy Pedersen at ext. 6-6749 or jmpeders@calpoly.edu.

Liberal Arts, Science and Math create unique program
The Graphic Communication Department in the College of Liberal Arts and the Polymers and Coatings Science Program in the College of Science and Mathematics have formed a unique, interdisciplinary partnership to address specific needs in the coatings, ink and toner industries. The Coatings, Ink and Toners Partners in Education Fund was created to provide private support for initiatives at the core of the interdisciplinary education and research efforts of these industries.

Screenwriter to speak on 'Digital Previsualization' May 25
Award-winning screenwriter Pamela Kay will speak on "Digital Previsualization and Storyboarding" from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 25. Kay won a 2002 Nicholl Award for new writers from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for her script, titled "Nude and Naked." Production on the film is expected to begin in the fall, with actors Rachel Weisz and Shirley McClain in starring roles. In her presentation, Kay will demonstrate previsualization and storyboarding software and will lead a faculty-student debate on the use of software in screenwriting. Seating is limited. For event location, contact Robert Webber, English faculty member and director of the university's Consortium for Arts and Media at ext. 6-1436 or rwebber@calpoly.edu.