Remember the Holocaust
Hillel of San Luis Obispo will remember the Holocaust with several events next week. Since fall quarter, Hillel has been collecting pennies, with a goal of reaching 60,000. Each penny symbolizes 1,000 Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust. "We are turning to Cal Poly for the final collection push," said Brooke Horne. Hillel plans to donate the $600 to Save Darfur, a group striving to end the genocide in the Sudan.

- April 24: Educate Yourself - An information booth will be set up in the UU Plaza. Ribbons will be given to people to wear during the week in honor of the victims.

- April 25: Reading of the Names - The names of the 6 million Holocaust victims will be read aloud 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the UU Plaza and at Dexter Lawn. Volunteers are needed to read for 10-minute segments. Call Horne at (818) 307-1541 to sign up.

- April 26: Now and Then - An information booth about the Holocaust will be set up in the UU Plaza; another booth with information about the Darfur genocide will be on Dexter Lawn. The booths will be connected by double-slick tape, which will have a timeline of other genocides. Pennies will be stuck to the tape for Hillel’s penny drive.

- April 27: “Paper Clips” - “Paper Clips,” will air at 8 p.m. in Room 216 in the Business Building. This award-winning documentary was made in Tennessee by students who collected 6 million paper clips in honor of the 6 million Holocaust victims as a way to teach tolerance.

Education forum set on 'Closing the Achievement Gap'
The College of Education is hosting an education forum on Friday, April 28, for educators and the public on a landmark, districtwide reading success story that garnered national recognition. Nationally known educator, speaker and author Nanci Bell will be joined by Joyce Bales, district superintendent in Pueblo, Colo., and Keith Owen, director of reading for the district, in presenting “Closing the Achievement Gap: Districtwide Reading Success – A Case Study from Pueblo, Colo." A reception will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. in the foyer of the Coltchett Education Building. Presentations and a question-and-answer session will be held from 5 to 6:30 in the Business Building Rotunda (Room 213). For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Carol Pendergast at ext.6-7380 or cpenderg@calpoly.edu.

Colloquium to honor Estelle Basor and Rami Shani
Faculty and staff are invited to attend an interdisciplinary colloquium Wednesday, May 10, to honor the professional and creative work of Professor Estelle Basor, Mathematics Department, and Professor Rami Shani, Management area of the Orfalea College of Business. President Warren J. Baker and interim provost Bob Detweiler will host the colloquium from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Smith Alumni and Conference Center. Basor and Shani are the 2005 Distinguished Research, Creative Activity and Professional Development Award winners. Basor will present "The Delight of Mathematics"; Shani will discuss “Sustainable Work Systems: Emerging Challenges.” A social hour will follow. Seating is limited; reservations are encouraged. Call ext. 6-2186 or e-mail academicaffairs@calpoly.edu by May 5.

Nominations for the President's Diversity Award due May 1
Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to make nominations for the annual President's Diversity Award. The award comes with a $1,000 augmentation to the winning unit's budget for one year. To be considered for the award, a campus unit must have exhibited commitment to the value of cultural diversity. Visit the Web at http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/specialinitiatives/diversity/div_award_nom06.htm for more information and to download a nomination form. Nominations are due May 1. For more information, call Academic Programs at ext. 6-2246.

Work to begin on Center for Construction Excellence
A gala two-day groundbreaking celebration for the Center for Construction Excellence is set for Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7. The official groundbreaking ceremony is set for 3 p.m. Saturday at the site of the former Air Conditioning Building. For a complete list of the weekend’s activities, go to www.caed.calpoly.edu. The future home of the Construction Management Department, the center will include 58,000 square feet of labs, classrooms and office space at a cost of $21.3 million. Completion of the new complex is expected in summer 2008.

Taufik named Outstanding Faculty Advisor
The Academic Advising Council has named electrical engineering Assistant Professor Taufik the 2005-06 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award winner. The award was created to recognize outstanding achievement by a faculty member in the area of student advising. The award includes a $500 honorarium, and the name of the winner is placed on a perpetual plaque in the Kennedy Library.
Comments sought on NCAA recertification self-study
Cal Poly is undergoing its 10-year National Collegiate Athletic Association recertification review. As part of the self-study process required by NCAA, the Recertification Steering Committee is soliciting campuswide input. To review the reports, visit the Web site at http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/accred_progres/NCAA/recertification/index.htm.

Music Department to host two Open House concerts
Three Cal Poly music ensembles will pay tribute to composer George Gershwin at the Open House Concert Saturday, April 22, and the state’s best high school wind, string and jazz musicians will perform Sunday, April 23. The Cal Poly Symphony, University Jazz Band and Cal Poly Wind Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday in Harman Hall. The ensembles will perform several Gershwin selections, including “Summertime,” “I Got Rhythm,” “An American in Paris,” “Porgy and Bess” and “Rhapsody in Blue.” The All-State Festival Wind Orchestra, String Orchestra, and Jazz Band, with over 100 of California’s top high-school musicians, will play at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, in Harman Hall. Selections will include “Fanfare in Jubilo” by Thomas Doss, “Damon” by Erland M. Freudenthaler, “Holberg Suite” by Edvard Grieg, and “The Penguin” by Raymond Scott. Tickets to either concert are $8 to $18 and can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

Immigration attorney to speak on campus April 27
Immigration attorney Adam Green will explain the eligibility requirements for lawful permanent residence (green cards) and how to apply for H-1 work visas Thursday, April 27. Green will speak from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Business Building Rotunda (Room 213). He will also be available to answer questions related to immigration matters. The event is sponsored by the International Students and Scholars office of International Education and Programs. For more information, contact Susan Tripp at ext. 6-7535 or sltripp@calpoly.edu.

Theatre and Dance to present madcap British comedy
The Theatre and Dance Department will present Joe Orton’s comedy “What the Butler Saw” at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 11-13 and May 17-20, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Spanos Theatre. The play follows a psychiatrist’s desperate cover-up of his attempted extramarital affair, which turns the hallowed halls of a state mental clinic into a madcap, farcical blitzkrieg of sexual misadventure. Originally produced posthumously in 1969, Orton’s British farce celebrates the “inadequacy of identity.” Tickets are $10 to $12. For ticket information, call ext. 6-2787.

CSU seeks feedback on ‘How to Get to College’ poster
The CSU is preparing to redesign the popular “How to Get to College” poster and is seeking feedback on its design and content. The poster can be found online at http://www.calstaie.edu/datastore/guides.shtml, and a short survey on the poster can be found at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=939081803550. The CSU encourages students, parents, counselors and teachers to submit feedback.