New Chicano/Latino Faculty Staff Association formed

Cal Poly faculty and staff will hold a kick-off event for the new Chicano/Latino Faculty Staff Association from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, in UU 207. President Warren J. Baker will provide welcoming remarks, and student, staff and faculty speakers will share their perspectives on being a Chicano/Latino at Cal Poly. Attendees will be able to ask questions about the organization and sign up. The CLFSA is designed as a support group for Chicano/Latino faculty and staff. Its members will serve as role models and mentors to students and help the university respond to the needs of the largest minority group in the state of California. Those wanting more information about the event or the CLFSA should contact Maria Arvizu-Rodriguez at marvizu@calpoly.edu. Anyone who did not receive an invitation but would like to attend the kick-off event should call Theresa Rush at ext. 6-6700.

Academic calendar approved through spring '08

The academic calendar for summer quarter 2007 through spring quarter 2008 has been approved by President Warren J. Baker. The calendar is available online at www.calpoly.edu/~acadprog/acad_cal.

Commuter, Access Services offers more options to save

Commuter and Access Services is offering a monthly Regional Transit Authority (RTA) pass at the reduced rate of $15, allowing riders to use a specific, designated route unlimited times for a month. The monthly pass is in addition to the "Punch Pass," which gives riders access to any RTA route throughout the county, also for $15. Both passes, normally $30 each, are available at the university Cashier's Office and at the University Police Department. For more information, contact Commuter and Access Services Coordinator Susan Rains at ext. 6-6680.

Information session, tour set for Bella Montaña April 8

The Cal Poly Housing Corp. has scheduled an information session on Saturday, April 8, for prospective buyers interested in learning more about the Bella Montaña faculty and staff homes. The session will be 9:30 a.m. to noon in UU 220 and will include information about the homes' features, application procedures, and sales process, as well as a question-and-answer session and site tour. Prospective buyers will be shown two of the buildings, showcasing six of the ten floor plans. Agents from Wilson & Co. Real Estate and mortgage loan representatives from Mid-State Bank & Trust will be on hand to answer questions. For more information about Bella Montaña, visit www.BellaMontanaHomes.com. Because of limited seating, registration is required. Call Ann Roy at ext. 6-1131 to register.

Women's Programs to host 'Run to Remember'

Women's Programs will host the third annual Run to Remember fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, starting on the lawn in front of the Health Center. The 5-K run is designed to provide a fun, safe environment for running at night. Proceeds from the event will support Remember Week activities, designed to increase sexual assault awareness and to end violence against women. Registration for the run is $15 and includes a T-shirt, water bottle and glow stick. For more information, contact Devon Hodgson at ext. 6-5839 or dhodgson@calpoly.edu.
Corporation: The Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty, and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Cal Poly Corporation Building, check the Web site at www.cpcorporation.org or call ext. 6-7107.

Senior Research Associate-Dairy Ingredients Specialist, Dairy Products Technology Center. Salary commensurate with experience. Review of applications begins April 7.

Network Administrator, Information Technology, $50,906-636,000 depending on experience. Review of applications begins April 7.

Faculty: Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application unless otherwise specified.

#100881-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Construction Management Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Design (ext. 6-5118). Closes: April 14.

#100889-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Architecture Department, College of Architecture and Environmental Design (ext. 6-1316). Closes: May 2.

#100887-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Graphic Communication Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext. 6-1108). Closes: April 28.

#100885-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-2378). Closes: May 31.

Disability Resource Center recognizes volunteers
The Disability Resource Center awarded Gwen Chavarria in Human Resources the Staff of the Year Award in appreciation of her "sensitivity, enthusiasm and dedication in working with DRC staff and students." She was one of several individuals recognized at the 13th annual DRC Awards Banquet, held to honor staff, faculty, and community members for exceptional efforts on behalf of students with disabilities. The Faculty of the Year award was given to Brent Freeby in the Architecture Department for his "enthusiastic collaboration" in accommodating several deaf students in his classes. Economics major Aaron Lucero was named Student of the Year. Lucero, a graduating senior, has "shown exceptional perseverance and hard work in achieving his degree."

Matt Ritter's book, 'Plants of San Luis Obispo,' published
Biological sciences Professor Matt Ritter's recently published book, "Plants of San Luis Obispo," describes the area's botanical wonders in an easy-to-read natural history guidebook. Over 150 full-color pages describe the habitat, botany, ecology, edible or medicinal properties, uses by Native Americans, entomology, and gardening uses of more than 200 plants. The book is available in a number of bookstores in the area including El Corral. For more information, go to http://www.elcorralbookstore.com/books/shop/detail.aspx?cat=22&wpid=579016.

Design Week to focus on New Orleans regeneration
The Landscape Architecture Department’s Design Week, April 3-7, will focus on redeveloping hurricane-ravaged New Orleans. Teams from landscape architecture, architecture and city and regional planning programs will create ideas and designs for regeneration of the city. Design Week will include lectures, studio design sessions, design reviews and final presentations and will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the CAED Berg Gallery in the Architecture Building and in the Landscape Architecture Department studios in Dexter Hall. For more information, call ext. 6-1319.

UU Gallery to display art created by ASI employees
A collection of art created by ASI employees will be on display April 4-21 in the UU Gallery in the Epicenter. Paintings, quilts, scrapbooks and more will be exhibited. A reception is planned from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, with refreshments and a live performance by local band Fused. The UU Gallery is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call ASI Events at ext. 6-1112 or e-mail uugallery@asi.calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly students most proficient in CSU in math, English
The CSU announced the results of its annual proficiency report on first-year students' readiness for college. Cal Poly students rank at the top of the list for proficiency in both mathematics and English and hold the highest mean entering grade point average in the CSU system: 3.74. Some 95 percent of first-year Cal Poly students were proficient in mathematics and 91 percent were proficient in English. For more information, go to http://www.asd.calstate.edu/performance/proficiency.shtml.

Cal Poly Report deadline change
Because the campus will be closed Friday, March 31, please submit items for the April 5 Cal Poly Report to polynews@calpoly.edu by 4 p.m. Thursday, March 30.