Construction begins on Poly Canyon Village

Construction work is beginning on the 2,700-bed Poly Canyon Village with the clearing and grading of 30 acres of land just north of Brizzolara Creek and an access road to the new complex. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed by fall 2008. Clark Construction of Bethesda, Md., has moved construction trailers to campus as they prepare to begin work. A formal ground-breaking is planned for later this spring. The design of Poly Canyon Village provides for three residential village or neighborhood areas to house approximately 2,700 students. The complex includes two parking structures totaling 1,900 parking spaces, commercial “village” areas with retail and food-service space, and a recreation center with a swimming pool. “The project offers a unique opportunity to create a 21st-century living and learning community that will bring students back on campus,” said Vice President of Administration and Finance Larry Kelley. Last May, CSU trustees voted to issue $299 million in bonds for construction of the project. The price includes the cost to relocate College of Agriculture facilities, upgrade the electrical substation in the area, and upgrade sewer, water, roads and bridges. Rent from future student-tenants will repay the bond financing, according to Kelley. With about 3,500 students currently living on campus, the project will almost double that number, bringing the total number of students living on campus to 6,200. Updates on the progress of the project will be posted on the Cal Poly Facilities Planning Web site at http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/homefp.htm.

State Energy Commission commends Solar CalPoly

The California Energy Commission issued a resolution commending the Solar CalPoly team for representing California and "brilliantly" competing against 17 universities from the United States, Canada and Europe at last fall's Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C. Cal Poly finished third in the contest to design, build and operate a livable and energy-efficient solar-powered home. The university has been awarded a $100,000 grant to participate in the 2007 event.

Cal Poly Housing Corp. sets Feb. 10 board meeting

The board of directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corp. will hold its next public meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, in Room 124 in the Foundation Administration Building. A copy of the agenda will be available Friday, Feb. 3. For more information, contact Jim Reinhart, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corp., at ext. 6-1131.

Time to nominate Woman of the Year

Nominations are being accepted for the three annual Woman of the Year awards, recognizing a Cal Poly student, a faculty member, and a staff member. Nominees should be recognized as a leader, role model or mentor, or someone who has made a significant contribution to women on campus. Nominations will be accepted from faculty, staff, students and community members and must include the name and phone number of nominator, name and phone number of nominee, category (student, faculty or staff), and a one-page essay on the nominee’s contributions. Nomination forms are available in the residence halls, library, UU Epicenter and the Women’s Center (UU 217). Nominations are due to the Women’s Center Friday, Feb. 3. They may also be e-mailed to cpwomensprograms@yahoo.com.
Employment

Foundation (continued):


ASI: Candidates are asked to visit the Web at www.asi.calpoly.edu to complete an application and apply for any positions listed below. Position descriptions and applications are also available in the ASI Business Office, UU 212, or by calling ext. 6-5800.

Teacher, ASI Children's Center, $11.86/hour. Closes: Feb. 15.

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.

#100794-Tenure-Track Position, Civil & Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering, (ext. 6-2161). Review begins Feb. 10.

#100805-Part-Time Lecturer
Pool, Forestry & Natural Resources, Natural Resources Management Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-2702). Closes: Feb. 20.

#100806-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Recreation, Parks & Tourism, Natural Resources Management Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-2702). Closes: March 30.

#100807-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Architectural Engineering, College of Architecture & Environmental Design (ext. 6-3134). Closes: March 31.

#100808-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Music Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext. 6-2406). Closes: March 17.

#100820-Full-Time Rodeo Coach, Coaching Specialist (10-month), College of Agriculture (ext. 6-2161). Review begins March 31.

Dana Foundation awards $25,000 for art education

The Dana Foundation has awarded $25,000 to Cal Poly’s Central Coast Center for Arts Education to develop and implement a new initiative to support theater-arts education in rural public schools. Performing artists and teachers are being sought to help create the year-long program, titled “Illuminating Shadows: Introducing Storytelling and Shadow Puppetry to a New Generation.” The project’s five primary goals include:

• Training five theater artists to work as resident-artists
• Using storytelling and shadow puppetry as the basis for lessons
• Offering workshops for the artists and rural school teachers
• Providing opportunities for the artists to demonstrate the lessons they prepare at school
• Placing the artists at the five schools by fall 2006

For more information, contact Susan Duffy in Liberal Studies at ext. 6-2326 or sduffy@calpoly.edu.

Professors help produce book for English teachers

Two faculty members teamed with a consultant for the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education to produce a book that addresses the varied instructional needs of high school English students. Jeannine Richison in the College of Liberal Arts and Anita Hernandez in the College of Education, along with consultant Marcia Carter from the county’s AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program, wrote “Theme-Sets for Secondary Students: How to Scaffold Core Literature,” to be published in February by Heinemann Books.

Market on Mondays

The Cal Poly Student Produce Market is open every Monday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. behind the Cerro Vista Community Center on Cerro Vista Circle, just up the hill from the entrance to Poly Canyon. Stop by for the best of Cal Poly meats, fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers. For more information go to www.sophomoresuccess.calpoly.edu.

New Early Music Ensemble to perform Feb. 10

Cal Poly’s Early Music Ensemble will give its debut concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center’s Christopher Cohan Center. Titled “An Evening with Henry Purcell,” the concert will feature several sacred choral selections, solo songs, and a brief preview of the upcoming student opera, “Dido and Aeneas.” Tickets for the concert are $10 for the public and $8 for senior citizens and students and are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

Cal Poly Vine Festival to benefit Wine, Viticulture Program

The Cal Poly Vines to Wines Club will host the fourth annual Cal Poly Wine Festival (formally known as “An Afternoon Amidst the Oaks”), from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the historic Santa Margarita Ranch. The event will include wine, food, music and art from wineries from all over California, as well as local restaurants and caterers. For more information, including prices for weekend packages, visit the event Web site at http://www.calpolywinefestival.com/.

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