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What's Happening

Blood drive Sept. 28
University Police will sponsor its first annual mobile blood drive on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The Tri-Counties mobile blood donation bus will be in front of Mott Gym 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Snacks will be provided. University Police will staff an information booth to answer any questions related to police, parking and access services on campus.

Affordable family show at Spanos Theatre Oct. 7
The feisty, lovable main character from the "Alexander" book series comes alive in a new musical, entitled "Alexander, Who's Not, Not, Not, Not, Not Going To Move!" and presented by Cal Poly Arts at 7 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre on Friday, Oct. 7. The show is the first offering of the popular, low-cost 2005-2006 Family Series. Tickets for the performance are $15 general public/$12 students and children, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call ext. 6-2787; to order by fax: ext. 6-6088; or order on-line, www.pacslo.org.

Ten Katrina students need help
The university has admitted 10 students from campuses closed by Hurricane Katrina. All have arrived on campus in varying states of need. One, a 29-year-old business student with a husband and 13-month-old daughter, is the niece of a retired staff member. The couple has driven across country with only their car and the clothes on their backs. They are currently staying in a motel and need more permanent housing. Another young married biology student has a baby not yet two weeks old. Both families need baby supplies, clothing, cash and household items. If you are able to donate clothing, baby furniture and other items, contact Becky Jorgeson in the Admissions Office at ext. 6-1304 or bjorgeso@calpoly.edu. There is also a "Katrina Students Emergency Fund" for those who want to donate cash. Send checks, made payable to the Cal Poly Foundation Katrina Students Fund, to University Advancement, Room 109, Heron Hall.

Operation TeddyCare a big success
WOW teams and Operation TeddyCare last week collected about 2,250 teddy bears, stuffed elephants, dinosaurs and other plush toys from around the county and the campus to send to children recovering from Hurricane Katrina. The total surpasses the original goal of 1,000. Tanya Kiani of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design led the effort locally in association with the alumni firm DES Architects of Redwood City. "I want to say thanks to the campus community for such a quick response and for giving such a tremendous variety of stuffed animals," Kiani said.

Engineering celebrations set for Sept. 27
The College of Engineering has two celebrations on the calendar for Tuesday, Sept. 27. At 11 a.m., the college will officially name the foyer of the Advanced Technology Laboratories as the Peter Y. Lee Hall in honor of the former dean who served 18 years at Cal Poly. The national Society of Women Engineers recently presented Lee with the Rodney D. Chipp Memorial Award for his "significant contributions to the acceptance and advancement of women in the engineering field." Following at 2:30 p.m. will be the dedication of the Sanderson Computer Science Labs. A major donor to the College of Engineering, Paul Bonderson gave $1 million for the extensive renovation of computer science facilities, including numerous labs in the entire north wing of the Pilling Building. The Bonderson Engineering Projects Center is currently under construction. President Warren J. Baker and other campus officials will attend the Sept. 27 events.

New home for Materials Engineering
The Materials Engineering Department has moved. The department office, faculty offices and some labs have relocated to Engineering III (Building 41). The department office is in Room 229; the phone number remains the same, ext. 6-2568. Come by and check out their new digs.

University Gallery to display books as art
A unique exhibition of artists' books - works of art in their own right - made from unusual objects will kick off the University Art Gallery season. The exhibit, "Every Force Evolves A Form," runs Thursday, Sept. 29-Saturday, Oct. 22. Artists-publishers Harry and Sandra Liddell Reese will give a free public talk from 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 29, in Room 227 in the Dexter Building. A reception in the gallery will follow. Call ext.6-6038 or ext.6-1571 for details.

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Volunteers needed to ‘Make a Difference’

Volunteer in the community for a day. This year, Make a Difference Day will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22, in and around San Luis Obispo. The event is a national day of service, encouraging people across the United States to volunteer for a day on projects helping their communities. The Cal Poly Community Center and United Way are organizing a variety of projects and looking for students, faculty and staff members to join the effort. Kick-off is 8:30 a.m. at the Veterans’ Hall, corner of Grand Avenue and Monterey Street. Service projects will be lined up throughout the county; work will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are provided for volunteers. For more details or to sign up, contact Harmony Quismundo-Newman at ext. 6-5120 or e-mail hguismun@calpoly.edu.

Catastrophic leave solicitation for Williams

Christine Williams, an ITS administrative support assistant, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and/or sick leave to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended absence. Those interested in donating may request a catastrophic leave donation form from solicitation coordinator Karen Vaughn in the office of the CIO at ext. 6-7657, or by e-mail. All eligible state employees may donate up to 16 hours in any combination of accrued vacation credit and/or sick leave in increments of one hour or more for all solicitations in any one fiscal year.

Anthology includes professor’s essay


Join Community Supported Agriculture

Get a fresh-harvest box of vegetables, herbs and fruit every week from the fall Community Supported Agriculture program. All the produce is harvested the same day it’s delivered, so freshness and nutrition are at their peak. CSA members also receive a weekly newsletter with recipes and organic farm news. Members know who grows their food and support the continued education of students in organic and alternative farming practices. This season’s crops include winter squashes, lettuce, broccoli, leafy greens, onions, arugula, leeks, carrots, parsnips, zucchini, tomatoes, eggplant, and more. New are free-range eggs. The organic farm is a market-oriented agriculture project jointly managed by the Horticulture and Crop Science Department, the Sustainable Agriculture Resource Consortium, students and farm staff. Contact Sandra Sarrof at ext. 6-6139, or visit www.calpoly.edu/~sarca/CSA.htm for details.

Housing Corporation to meet Sept. 29

The board of directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPhC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m., in the Foundation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at the Foundation Administration Building Sept. 22. For further information, contact Jim Reinhart, CPhC managing director, at Ext. 6-1131.