Other options available

California Boulevard closed on campus

California Boulevard is closed to through-traffic now that renovations have begun on the Alex G. Spanos Stadium. Along with the road closure, the C-1 and C-4 parking lots are also closed. Other options for parking are H-2 along Highland Drive, C-7 on California Boulevard (off of Highland Drive), and the front row of H-12 on Via Carta. For information, contact Susan Rains at ext. 6-6680 or srains@calpoly.edu. Check out the following transportation options:

Vanpool: Vanpool currently has openings for the following areas: Los Osos/Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Atascadero and Santa Maria. Vanpool riders pay approximately $35 to $90 per month, depending on where the van originates.

Carpool: Staff and faculty carpool spaces have been established on campus. Each designated carpool space is available to registered carpoolers until 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. After 10 a.m., spaces are available to anyone displaying a valid staff parking permit. Carpools consist of two or more people; they must be in the vehicle upon arrival at the carpool parking space. All members of a carpool must pre-register.

Temporary lights-out Sept. 8

Electric power on campus will be shut off between 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at the request of PG&E. The utility will make safety repairs related to the Aug. 2 outage and fire in Poly Canyon caused by a turkey vulture making contact between a 70,000-volt primary conductor and a power-pole guy wire connected to the ground. Sept. 8, is the only day PG&E is available during quarter break to do the work when there is minimal impact to the campus community. Questions or special-needs requests for temporary power should be directed to the Facilities Work Center, ext. 6-5555, or e-mail facserv@calpoly.edu.

Fall Conference begins Sept. 9

Welcome to the new academic year. Fall Conference is set to begin Friday, Sept. 9, with a workshop for new faculty and will continue through the following week with meetings, trainings and receptions. The final event will be the Cal Poly Women’s Club Fall Reception, hosted by Carly Warren J. Baker, on Sunday, Sept. 18. On Friday morning, Sept. 15, President Warren J. Baker will confer the President’s Medal of Excellence upon aerospace innovator and Cal Poly alumnus Burt Rutan at the Fall Convocation, 10:30 a.m., in Spanos Theater. Complete schedules will be listed in the Fall Conference brochure coming soon to campus mailboxes.

Recruiting earns 2005 Innovator award

How effective is the university’s high-tech recruiting effort? This year marks the 11th straight record-applicant pool - with over 27,000 candidates filing on-time undergraduate applications for only 4,300 openings. With this fall’s admits, the university achieved the highest high school grade-point average ever for a freshman class: 3.83. The successful high-tech recruiting effort was recognized by Campus Technology magazine as a 2005 Technology Innovator. One of only 13 schools in the nation recognized, the university was cited for its highly effective e-mail-based recruiting process.
Time for Open Enrollment reminders
Faculty and staff are asked to remind students that they may register for up to 22 units during the Open Enrollment period, Aug. 24-Sept. 15. Students can register for open classes or add their names to a Waitlist for closed classes — all on POWER: http://www.power.calpoly.edu. Those who add their names to a Waitlist will be automatically enrolled as seats become available — unless they are already enrolled in a different section of the same course, have time conflicts, have reached the unit maximum, do not meet pre-requisites, or have holds on their accounts. Students should also be reminded to drop their names from Waitlists for courses/sections they don’t plan to attend. And it’s wise for students to print class schedules.

Department changes name
The Speech Communication Department has been renamed the Communication Studies Department to more accurately reflect the breadth of the discipline. The Communication Studies curriculum is designed to enhance understanding of the nature, processes and effects of human communication. The discipline uses resources from both the humanities and the social sciences in exploring how people communicate directly and indirectly through language and associated nonverbal messages. For now, the department curriculum prefix will remain SCOM.

Professor’s book looks at the power of rap

Annual travel update
Each year the state requires that all university personnel who will be driving private vehicles on university-related business to have an authorization form on file in their department. The authorization-to-use-privately-owned-vehicles form is available on the Fiscal Services Travel Web site, http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/sam/pdf/0700_04.pdf. For more information, call John Sullivan at ext. 6-1717.

Child care food program offered
ASI Children’s Programs will continue sponsoring the child care food program for children at the Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center. The center provides nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks, with minimal impact on childcare fees. Assistance comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, through the California Department of Education Nutrition Services Division.

Cat program holds fall raffle
The non-profit Cal Poly Cat Program will hold a fall raffle during September and October. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5; all proceeds go toward veterinary expenses and cat shelter supplies. The drawing will be held Tuesday, Nov. 1. Donations are tax deductible. Buy tickets from Elizabeth Ball, ext. 6-2548; Karleyne Binford, ext. 6-2195; Geri Bolivar, ext. 6-2321; Sharon Dobson, ext. 6-1606; Edie Griffin-Shaw, ext. 6-5220; Gerry Mueller, ext. 6-6004; and Ellen Notermann, ext. 6-1625. For more information regarding the program or adoptions, contact Griffin-Shaw at 6-5220.