Women of the Year honored

A city councilwoman, women’s studies director, English student, and two professional women active in the fight against breast cancer and sexual harassment are the university’s Women of the Year. The annual awards are made by Student Life and Leadership. Those recognized at the annual event are chosen for their leadership, involvement in activities that benefit others, participation in areas in which women are underrepresented, and also mentoring and supporting other women, said Maya Andlig, coordinator of sexuality and gender programs at the university. This year’s winners are Financial Aid coordinator Valerie Barboza and Academic Affairs coordinator Mary Whiteford, in a tie for the staff award; Director of Women’s Studies Mary Armstrong in the faculty category; English major Melissa Commuso in the student category; and San Luis Obispo City Councilwoman Christine Mulholland in the community category.

Memo from Larry Kelley and Bob Detweiler

Capital projects progress report

Here's an update of campus construction projects:

• **Engineering III** – The interior is nearing completion. Occupancy is scheduled for June.

• **Engineering IV** – Construction has begun in what was the parking lot just north of the library; scheduled for completion in fall 2006.

• **Bonderson Engineering Projects Center** – Construction to start the end of this week.

• **Mt. Bishop parking lot** -- Rain has made this project more challenging; the project progresses and additional parking will be available spring quarter.

• **Faculty/Staff Housing** – The Housing Corp. financial plan for the 69-unit Bella Montana development goes before the CSU Board of Trustees next week. Construction is expected to begin in April, with the first units available for faculty and staff in early 2007.

• **Spanos Stadium** – Plans are being finalized for bid, with construction to begin immediately following commencement in June; project to be complete for the 2006 football season.

Passings

**Former band director Graydon Williams, 76**

Former Cal Poly band director Graydon J. Williams, 76, of Mountain Home, Ark., died in Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005. A celebration of his life will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Williams family home, 1235 2nd St., Los Osos. Mr. Williams’ ashes will be interred in Los Osos. Mr. Williams was born Aug. 5, 1928, in Hunlock Creek, Pa. He graduated from Clifton Springs Central School in 1946 and attended Fredonia State Teachers College for a year before joining the U.S. Air Force Jazz Band, travelling across Europe several years playing trumpet and trombone behind Bob Hope and many other stars, entertaining the troops in the era of the Berlin Airlift. Mr. Williams returned to the United States in 1952 and married Joanne Knies of Greeley, Colo. The newlyweds moved to Boston, where he studied six years at the New England Conservatory of Music. He served several years on the faculty of the College of the Ozarks, Ark., before coming to Cal Poly to serve as band director.
Academic Senate election results posted

Members of the Academic Senate have been chosen for 2005-2006, with some elected to serve through 2007. There are some vacancies in several colleges. **College of Agriculture:** Jim Ahem, Richard Cavaletto, Dave Hannings, John Harris, Richard Thompson. **College of Architecture and Environmental Design:** Gregg Doyle, Bill Epstein, Bruno Giberti, Ansgar Neuenhofer, Paul Weber. **College of Business:** Lee Burgunder, John Dobson, Mike Geringer, Ken Griggs, Rosemary Wild. **College of Education:** Vacancy. **College of Engineering:** Jim Harris, Stephen Klisch, Mel-Ling Liu, Jim LoCasco, Len Meyers, Unny Menon. **College of Liberal Arts:** Francisco Flores, Terry Jones, Gary Laver, Todd Long, Enrica Lovaglio, Paul Rinzler, John Soares, Manzar Foroohar. **College of Science and Mathematics:** Harvey Greenwald, Steve Rein, Andrew Schaffner, John Sharpe, Scott Steinmaus, Michael Sutliff, Myron Hood. **Professional Consultative Services:** Navjit Brar, Lynne Gamble, Stacey Breitenbach, Cindy Jelinek, Frank Vuotto.

**Enter El Corral's digital photo contest**

El Corral is having a spring break photo contest to help introduce its new digital photo services. To enter, upload pictures online to elcorralphoto.com. Or, for instant prints, bring in a camera memory card, download pictures at El Corral's new photo kiosk, and turn in the prints at the photo counter. Pictures will be judged in the store, and extra points will be given for the furthest distance the photos traveled and if the Cal Poly logo is used in the picture. First-place prize is a DVD player; second place is $25 worth of photo processing; third place is a Cal Poly picture frame. The contest ends April 30. More details are available online, at the El Corral photo counter or call ext. 6-5314.

**Register for free computer workshops**

Faculty and staff may sign up for free spring quarter workshops on Blackboard, Dreamweaver, e-mail, calendar, Powerpoint, Apple iPhoto and the Macintosh Operating System. To find the list of workshops and register, go online at http://www.tls.calpoly.edu/training/intro.html.

**Contract and procurement forums**

The Contract and Procurement Department will be holding open forums today, March 16, 3-4:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 17, 1:30-3 p.m., in UU 220 to discuss the following: contract and procurement Web site updates, AFD customer connection, buyer/commodities, year-end activities, contracting responsibilities, car rental for university business, and confidentiality data (FERPA/HERPA).

**Earth Day coming April 22**

The Provost's Office and the Academic Senate's newly formed Sustainability Committee will sponsor an Earth Day celebration Friday, April 22, noon-5 p.m., to promote and showcase progress toward "greening the campus." The event will take place at the lower plaza of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, the Orfalea College of Business lawn and the College of Education patio. It follows last year's signing of the Talloires Declaration pledging that Cal Poly will join hundreds of universities worldwide in promoting sustainable campus development. Students, staff and faculty interested in presenting at this event should contact the committee now to reserve display space and a spot on the program. For details, contact smarx@calpoly.edu or klancas@calpoly.edu.