Julia Morgan exhibition to close March 25

There's still time to catch the library's "Julia Morgan: Pioneering Spirit" exhibit before it closes on Friday, March 25. The exhibit of original drawings and documents by the famed architect chronicles Morgan's training in Paris and commissions on the Central Coast, including the famous Hearst Castle. It features materials selected from the library's Morgan collections, the most extensive in the country. Visitors will see original Morgan sketches, architectural plans and correspondence. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, in the Special Collections department, Room 409 of the Library. For more information, go to www.lib.calpoly.edu and click on the Julia Morgan link, or call ext. 6-2305.

ASI presents State of The Student Address

President Warren J. Baker and ASI President Blake Bolton will be the speakers at ASI's annual State of the Student Address on Thursday, March 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. ASI is inviting both the campus community and the general public to attend. Bolton will address issues affecting students, faculty and San Luis Obispo residents, including community relations, campus facilities and ASI resources. He will also focus on parking, textbooks, campus dining and other issues. President Baker will address issues such as the Cal Poly Master Plan, how academics are driving facility changes, the university's role in California and current sources of funding.

Feminism losing ground?

Professor Fabienne-Sophie Chauderlot will speak on feminist activism from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in Room A-12 in the Science Building. Chauderlot's talk, "To Fight and/or to Think?: Redefining Feminist Activism in the Wake of Theory," is free and open to the public. Feminism is steadily losing ground, women's rights are under attack and the lives of millions of women are in jeopardy, according to Chauderlot. Her talk will explore whether the time has come to reassess the stances feminists take and revisit the options presented to those interested in women's studies. Chauderlot is an instructor in the Philosophy and Modern Languages and Literatures departments. The presentation is sponsored by the Women's Studies Program. For more information, call ext. 6-1525, e-mail womst@polymail.calpoly.edu, or go online to calpoly.edu/womst.

Leave solicitation for Sharon Glasgow

Sharon Glasgow, an accounting technician in Fiscal Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and/or sick leave to help Sharon remain in full-pay status during an extended absence. To request leave donation forms, contact Jody Fisher at ext. 6-1438. All eligible state employees may donate up to 16 hours total, in any combination of accrued vacation credit and/or sick leave, in increments of one hour or more during any fiscal year.

Spring class lists available

Faculty may now view their Spring Class Lists on the PORTAL – My Course Info Channel. Also, during the Open Enrollment period of March 4-24, students can register for up to 22 units. Encourage students to visit POWER to find available seats and/or add their name to Waitlists for closed classes. For more information, visit www.ess.calpoly.edu/records/registration.
Helen Chu to attend Frye Institute

Helen Chu, the head of digital services at the library, has been accepted to the prestigious Frye Leadership Institute at Emory University. The intensive two-week program, June 5-7 “aims to develop creative leaders to guide and transform academic information services for higher education in the 21st century,” according to the institute Web site. Chu also received the Patricia Battin Scholarship to partially finance her participation in the program. The scholarship is awarded to up to two participants per year and is intended to increase diversity. Chu, who has been at Cal Poly since January 2004, earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in French from UCLA. As head of Digital Services, Chu leads the implementation of the library’s Digital Teaching Library (DTL) initiative, including the reorganization of library systems and infrastructure.

Selection committee chosen

President Baker has appointed the following members to serve on the Consultative Committee for Selection of the Vice Provost for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer: Committee Chair Hiram Davis, dean, Library Services; Jon Beckett, Animal Science; Walt Bremer, Landscape Architecture; Ken Griggs, Management; Abe Lynn, Architectural Engineering; Kent Morrison, Mathematics; Frank Vuotto, Library; Fred DePiero, Electrical Engineering; Joe Grimes, Computer Science; George Yelland, CMS project manager; Mary Shaffer, ITS; Joseph Vaccaro, student; Jim Maraviglia, Academic Affairs; Debbie Brothwell, Administration and Finance; Martin Shibata, Student Affairs; Alison Lloyd, University Advancement; Holly Sletteland, Foundation; Blake Irving, selected by the president; Michael Seuss, employment equity facilitator.

CalPERS accepting board nominations

The California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) currently is accepting nominations for two member-at-large representatives on its board of administration. CalPERS will be conducting the elections later this year. The term of office for the current representatives, Charles Valdes and Kurato Shimada, will expire on Jan. 15, 2006. The new term will run Jan. 16, 2006-Jan.15, 2010. The board is responsible for management and control of the administration and investment of the retirement fund and renewal of the annual health insurance contracts for state employees.

Nomination petitions, available from CalPERS, must contain at least 250 original signatures of active state members and must be received at the CalPERS headquarters in Sacramento by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 25. Procedures for becoming a candidate and the election schedule are included in the “Notice of Election” posted in Human Resources. Notices were also distributed to each campus department.

Accounting students offer free tax help

Accounting students will offer free tax preparation of basic federal and state tax returns Saturdays through March 12 as part of the Orfalea College of Business’s annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Students will be available 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays in the third floor computer lab of the Business Building. The service is available to taxpayers with gross income under $35,000. Reservations are not necessary, but participants are asked to arrive no later than 2 p.m. and bring a copy of last year’s return.