Annual business conference this weekend

Business seniors will host the 10th Annual International Career Conference (ICC), Saturday, Feb. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo. The event is $5 and open to the public. The one-day conference, sponsored by Orfalea College of Business, offers attendees a choice of eight workshops that include such topics as "Surviving the Corporate Jungle" and "Entrepreneur: Self-Made Success." David M. Carter, founder of The Sports Business Group, will give the keynote address. Following the workshops, attendees are invited to a corporate recruitment session where they can network with more than 30 companies for internships and career opportunities. For details, visit http://icc.calpoly.edu/main.html.

Update from Bob Detweiler and Larry Kelley

Campus enrollment, searches and projects

Winter enrollment currently is 17,354 students. This number exceeds our original target for this term but is not high enough to meet the revised target assigned to Cal Poly in August. Average course load is lower than recent years, at about 14.09 units.

There are a number of searches in process for key positions on campus:
- Chief Information Officer: Jerry Hanley announced his intent to retire at the end of this academic year. A search committee is being formed.
- Dean, Liberal Arts: The search committee is developing a list of finalists.
- Dean, Engineering: The search committee is receiving applications.
- Provost: About 70 applications have been received and are being reviewed by the search committee. The committee is narrowing the list of candidates and plans to hold video interviews this month.

Here's a partial list of projects underway:
- Engineering III: The final phase will be completed this summer.
- Bonderson Project Center: Bids are out for a contractor. We anticipate awarding bids in the next month, with construction to begin soon after.
- Engineering IV: Work is progressing well. The heavy rains in January delayed some of the progress. We will see much more activity in the coming weeks, and the building will be ready for occupancy in fall 2006.
- Faculty Staff Housing: The 69-unit project is currently in plan-check with the financing and sales program being completed. The business plan will go to the Board of Trustees next month. Construction is scheduled to start in late April.
- Spanos Stadium: The project is in the working-drawing phase, with construction scheduled to start at the beginning of summer.

Nominations open for advisor award

The annual Faculty Advisor Award recognizes the significant contributions that academic advisors make to student success. The award recipient will receive $500, and his or her name will be added to the award's perpetual plaque in the library. Nomination criteria and forms are available in COSAM Advising Center, Building 53, Room 219, and on the Web at http://www.academics.calpoly.edu/advising/award.htm. Nominations are due by March 4 to the COSAM Advising Center. For more information, call Cindy Jelinek, ext. 6-2615.
Passings

Bob Cushing, Campus Market
After a tough battle with cancer, Bob Cushing, retail merchandiser at Campus Market, passed away on Jan. 21, 2005. Bob began working for Campus Dining in September 1984 and was a driving force behind choosing the new and interesting products that helped the market grow over the past two decades. He leaves behind his wife, Betty, and two sons, Kevin and Kyle. A memorial will be held at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 27, in the Masonic Hall on Highway 41 in Morro Bay.

Debra Nolte Merrell, Campus Catering
Debra Nolte Merrell, Campus Catering manager from May 1990 through October 2001, passed away Feb. 2, 2005. Debra was a dear and sincere person who worked to always make every catering event the best it could be. Visitation will be today, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2-4pm and 6-8pm at the Reis Family Mortuary (991 Nipomo Street, San Luis Obispo). A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m., at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1301 Osos Street, San Luis Obispo.

Adult degree program seeks instructors
The adult degree program is seeking course proposals from faculty to teach interdisciplinary studies courses in the Bachelor of Arts completion program for nontraditional students. Proposals are being accepted for the core-required interdisciplinary studies and major courses. For more information, contact Dean Skip Parks, Continuing Education, at dparks@calpoly.edu or at ext 6-7434.

Plant Shop delivers Valentine flowers
Support love in general and ornamental horticulture students in particular by shopping at The Cal Poly Plant Shop for Valentine’s Day. The plant shop offers a full range of chocolates and floral holiday supplies. Prices range from $3.50 for a single wrapped rose to $19.95 for chocolates and floral bouquets. Place orders by Wednesday, Feb. 9, and receive a 10 percent discount. Free delivery is offered on-campus. The shop is open Mondays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at the Horticulture Unit, at the top of Via Carta Road (across from Horse Unit). For details, visit the shop’s Web site at www.polyplantshop.com or phone ext. 6-1106.

A Valentine gift for your heart
Burn off that sweetheart chocolate with complimentary exercise classes at the Recreation Center on Valentine’s Day, Monday, Feb. 14. The classes are free all day. Enter the drawing for a free spring quarter exercise class pass. All classes are held in the fitness room on the second floor of the Recreation Center. Call ext. 6-1366 for more information.

Leave solicitation for Richard Simon
Richard Simon, instructional faculty member in the English Department, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and/or sick leave to help Simon remain in full-pay status during an extended absence. To request leave donation forms, contact Connie Davis at ext. 6-5850. 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.