Allison Cone named new athletics director
President Baker announced Monday that the university has named Alison E. Cone as athletics director. Cone, with Cal Poly since 1994, has been serving as the interim athletics director since last March. Cone was selected from a field of more than 70 applicants in a nationwide search. She succeeds John McCutcheon, who left last March to become director of athletics at the University of Massachusetts. With the appointment, effective Feb. 1, Cone becomes one of 19 female athletic directors at the NCAA Division I level, which includes over 300 colleges and universities. She joins 12 other female AD's heading athletic departments with football programs (I-A and I-AA). She will direct all university intercollegiate athletic programs, which involve more than 500 student athletes and 20 Division I teams.

Former coach Sheldon Harden, 1920 - 2005
Sheldon Harden, former wrestling and football coach, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, in San Luis Obispo. He was 84. Harden came to Cal Poly in 1948 and retired in 1989. He was an emeritus professor of physical education. He lifted wrestling from an intramural program to the intercollegiate level; his team won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Championships in 1957-1958. Harden was also head football coach from 1962-67. He was a survivor of the Oct. 29, 1960, plane crash which claimed the lives of 16 players and the team manager. He received praise for his heroic efforts to save team and staff members. A native of Alturas, Harden was born Oct. 18, 1920. He served three years in the U.S. Army artillery and infantry and reached the rank of second lieutenant. While studying for a teaching credential at College of Pacific in 1946, Harden played pro football with the Sacramento Nuggets. In May 2002, he was inducted into the California State Wrestling Hall of Fame. Harden and his wife, Dorothy, had four children, Michele, Maureen, Tim and Ann.

Colloquium to honor Ruggles and Burt
Faculty and staff are invited to attend an interdisciplinary colloquium Thursday, Feb. 17, 3-5 p.m. in the Albert B. Smith Alumni and Conference Center. President Baker and Interim Provost Bob Detweiler, in association with the Academic Senate Research and Professional Development Committee, will host the colloquium to honor the professional and creative work of Professor Charles Burt, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department, and Professor Joanne Ruggles, Art and Design Department. Burt and Ruggles were the recipients of the 2004 Distinguished Research, Creative Activity and Professional Development Award. Burt will present "The Irrigation and Training Research Center's Solutions for Tomorrow's Irrigation Challenges." Ruggles will discuss "The Stone of Hope Project: The Exercise of One Artist's Creative Will." A social hour will follow. Reservations are encouraged. Call ext. 6-2186 by Feb. 14.
Employment

State: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on www.calpolyjobs.org. To apply, go online and complete the application form. Applicants needing assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.


Faculty: Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#100484-Part-Time Lecturer pool to be established in the Landscape Architecture Department, College of Architecture & Environmental Design (ext. 6-1319), Closes March 31.

#100500-Credit & Finance - Tenure Track Position, Agribusiness Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-5021), Closes March 30.

More Events

Cultural crafts fair March 31
The Cesar Chavez Cultural Crafts Fair for Kids will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31, on Garden Street during Farmer’s Market in downtown San Luis Obispo. The free event, sponsored by the Community Center, will honor California’s legendary labor leader. For details, contact Joy Pedersen, Community Center program coordinator, at ext. 6-6749 or jmpeders@calpoly.edu.

Spring quarter fee waiver deadlines
Employees are reminded of the following spring quarter fee waiver deadlines:

- Thursday, Feb. 10 – POWER schedule registration period begins (see “Priority and Graduate Students” category in the class schedule).
- Tuesday, March 1 – Last day to submit CSU admission application (undecided/non-matriculated status only).
- Thursday, March 3 – Last day to pay fees to avoid $25 late fee.
- Thursday, April 7 – Last day to submit fee waiver form to Human Resources, Adm. 110.

Fee waiver guidelines, procedures and forms are available on the Human Resources Web site at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/index.html (see Professional Development). Call Darcy Adams at ext. 6-2472 for more information. For fee information go to: http://www.fees.calpoly.edu/fee waiver.htm.

Physics colloquium to explore dark matter
One of the most important surprises of modern cosmology has been the discovery of dark matter. Jodi Lamoureux of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will present evidence for dark matter and explain its place in the universe at a physics colloquium Thursday, Feb. 3, 11:10 a.m.-noon, in Science E-26.

Ethnic studies talk Feb. 10
Columbia University Professor Gary Y. Okihiro will present “Our Ethnic Studies’ for the 21st Century: Remembering the Past, Envisioning the Future” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Room 123, Agricultural Engineering Building. Okihiro will address questions crucial to understanding both the limits and possibilities of ethnic studies in the 21st century. Okihiro is the director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race and professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. The presentation is sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Department in conjunction with the College of Liberal Arts, the Student Affairs office and the History Department. For more information, contact the Ethnic Studies Department at ext. 6-1707 or ethnics studies@calpoly.edu.

New rules for 15-passenger van drivers
A recent addition to the State of California Public Contracts Code, effective Jan. 1, requires that anyone who drives 15-passenger vans for transportation for the CSU have a Class B driver’s license and a passenger transportation endorsement for operating a 15-passenger van. Campus Administrative Policy (CAP) Section 361.8.6 currently indicates that drivers of 15-passenger vans must have a Class B driver’s license, with the exception of Van Pool Drivers. The CAP section is in the process of being updated to indicate that all drivers must have a Class B driver’s license and a passenger transportation endorsement. Operation of a 15-passenger van for the university without the proper license and endorsement, and/or without authorization to drive on state business, could result in an insurance recovery of costs against the individual and/or sponsoring department. For details, see http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/risk/pdf/15_Passenger_VanMemo Form.Pdf.

Find stress relief at a Tai Chi class
De-stress at the end of the day with a Tai Chi class offered at the Rec Center. Fran Dukehart teaches the class every Monday and Wednesday, 5:10-6:20 p.m., in the Recreation Center Martial Arts Room. The fee is $45/quarter. Call ext. 6-1366 for more information.