Parking tip: Via Carta lot is ‘best bet’
The "best bet" for parking this week for faculty and staff, according to Cindy Campbell, associate director of University Police, is the H-12 lot on Via Carta across Highland Drive from the former Kennedy Library lot. The front half of the H-12 lot was converted to accommodate faculty and staff after the Library lot closed Dec. 17 to make way for two new Engineering buildings. Staff parking was also added on California Boulevard in lot C-7, in addition to 75 new general parking spaces along Mount Bishop Road created during the summer. The university is currently adding a new general parking lot on Mount Bishop Road at the site of the old poultry facility. The new lot will add 360 new spaces and is scheduled to open in April. The university will soon provide new spaces for staff carpool vehicles, and is encouraging commuters to walk or bike to campus or take the bus during winter quarter and beyond. Students, faculty and staff can ride the San Luis Obispo city buses free by showing their PolyCard IDs. For tips, tools, and information on commuting options, visit www.commuteoptions.calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-2323.

Will Bailey to direct Employment Equity
Interim Provost Robert Detweiler has appointed William Bailey director of Employment Equity and Faculty Recruitment. Bailey has served as the director of the Disability Resource Center for the past nine years and succeeds interim director Joan Lund, who returns full time as associate director of Human Resources. Bailey reports to Mike Suess, associate vice president for academic personnel. In his new role, Bailey is responsible for ensuring employment equality for all faculty and staff, including compliance with all laws and regulations associated with civil rights protections and nondiscrimination. Working closely with the Academic Personnel office, Bailey serves as employee relations designee for Unit 11, Academic Student Employees. The office of Employment Equity and Faculty Recruitment will be located in Health Center, Room 115. Jo Ernest will be joining the office as the administrative assistant.

Provocative Perspectives lecture Jan. 13
How diversity affects teaching, learning
Lloyd Elm, professor of Native American studies at Cornell University, will present "How Diversity Affects Teaching and Learning" at a breakfast program at Vista Grande Cafe, 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13. The presentation is part of the Provocative Perspectives series, which brings educators, authors and other innovative leaders to campus to stimulate discussion on a variety of issues. Elm, a teacher for the past 34 years, is a nationally recognized expert and innovator in teaching Native American students. The morning program includes a full breakfast and is free to faculty and staff. Reservations are required and seats are limited. For reservations, contact Liz Cofer at ext. 6-0327 or lcofer@calpoly.edu.

Video aims to prevent workplace violence
Cal Poly is committed to maintaining an environment free of any form of violence in the workplace. Information from the Workplace Violence Prevention Program Guidelines is available at the following Web site: http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/afd/violence/violenceguidelines.pdf. Or contact Vicki Stover at vstover@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2258 to check out a new video, "Introduction to Cal Poly's Workplace Violence Prevention Program," for showing to departments on campus.
Nominations sought for Women of the Year

Nominations for the university's 10th annual Women of the Year Awards are being sought from faculty, staff and students whose lives have been enriched by women at Cal Poly. Nomination forms are available in department offices and the Women's Center, UU 217. Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1. Winners will be honored Tuesday, March 8, at a Women's Programs lunch, sponsored by Student Life and Leadership. Tickets, $15 for staff and faculty, $10 for students, are at the Women's Center or may be reserved for purchase at the door. For more information, call the Women’s Center at ext. 6-2600.

Winter quarter registration notes

Seat availability will not be accurately reflected in SIS after Dec. 31 through the end of ADD/DROP. Faculty and staff must use POWER’s “Plan a Schedule” (updated every 5 minutes). Line Drops should be made on the “Printer Friendly” version of Classlists from the My Course Info Channel on the Portal. Be sure to sign and date before submitting to OAR. Tickets, $15 for staff and faculty, $10 for students, are at the Women's Center or may be reserved for purchase at the door. For more information, call the Women’s Center at ext. 6-2600.

Find out about Blackboard, other resources

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Library this month will offer support sessions for faculty and staff on information technology, library resources and registration. Computers will be available and a team of specialists will be on-hand at the informal sessions set for Jan. 4 and 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Jan. 7, noon-2 p.m. (registration required) in Library 510B. Topics will include Blackboard upgrade, calendar and e-mail, course development, library resources, passwords, Portal, and student class registration, including E-Permits. Stop by or call ext. 6-7002 during the above-listed times, or contact Joe Grimes at ext. 6-7002 or jgrimes@calpoly.edu.

Grants and financial aid

The Financial Aid office reminds the campus community that the Cal Poly Scholarship and priority Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. Questions should be directed to ext. 6-2927. State faculty support grant proposals are due in the Research and Graduate Programs Office by 4 p.m., Jan. 18. For information, call the office at ext. 6-1508 or go to the Web site, http://www. calpoly.edu/research.html. The Research and Graduate Programs office encourages faculty and staff members to let students know about the CSU Student Research Competition, to be held April 29 and 30, at CSU Sacramento. Students can turn their senior projects or masters theses into entries. For more information, go to www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/src, or call ext. 6-1508.

Mileage reimbursement rate changes

Based on IRS guidelines, the Foundation mileage reimbursement rate has changed to 40.5 cents per mile. Refer to the Travel Quick Reference guide at www.cpfoundation.org; find Forms & Documentation-Travel.

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