Forums for business dean candidates begin Tuesday

Finalists for the position of dean of the Orfalea College of Business will be on campus for interviews in May and June, and the first in a series of campus forums will be held Tuesday (May 18).

John T. Emery, dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Texas, Pan American, in Edinburg, Texas, will be on campus Monday-Tuesday (May 17-18), and a forum is planned for 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday in Business 200.

Students and faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend and meet the candidates.

The next two forums, also at 10 a.m. in Business 200, will be for David H. Blake, professor of strategic management, UC Irvine, May 20, and David P. Christy, associate dean for undergraduate programs, Penn State, May 24.

Philosophy to hold Spring Colloquium Friday

The Philosophy Department will present its Fifth Annual Spring Philosophy Colloquium from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday (May 14) with visiting experts on Indian and Muslim thought as well as two Cal Poly speakers.

The free lectures will be in UU 220. This is the schedule:

• “Indian Nyaya Logic: Its Comparison with the Aristotelian Syllogism,” Rendla Venkat Reddy, University of Osmania, Hyderabad, India (emeritus), 9-10:30 a.m.
• “Wisdom and Method: Yoga in the Platonic Dialogues,” Judy Saltzman, Cal Poly, 10:30 a.m.-noon.
• “Why We ARE Alone: The Fermi Paradox and the Great Filter (or More Bad News for Humankind),” Keith Abney, Cal Poly, 1-2:30 p.m.
• “New Roads to Mecca: Islamic Pilgrimage in Comparative Perspective,” Juan Campo, UC Santa Barbara, 3-4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Philosophy Department at ext. 2041.

Halisky named to serve as interim dean of liberal arts

Linda Halisky, former English Department chair and current director of International Education and Programs and the London Study Program, has been named interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective Aug. 2.

Halisky will succeed Harry Hellenbrand, dean since 1998, who will begin serving as provost at Cal State Northridge this summer.

While interim dean, Halisky will continue to supervise the London Study Program and plans to teach at least one English course a year.

Halisky joined the English faculty in 1984, the same year she earned a doctorate in English from UC Riverside. She served as English Department chair from 1994 to 2000. During her 20-year tenure at Cal Poly, she has served the university in dozens of capacities.

Halisky received the 1990 Distinguished Teaching Award. Her fields of specialization are American literature to the Civil War and British literature of the 16th and 17th centuries.

Swanson reception set for May 23 after concert

A reception for Music Department Chair Clifton Swanson, retiring after 37 years at Cal Poly, will be held Sunday, May 23, immediately after he conducts the Cal Poly Symphony for the last time.

The Symphony’s Spring Concert begins at 2 p.m. in the Cohan Center’s Harman Hall. The reception honoring Swanson will be held in the center’s first-floor lobby. Concert-goers planning to attend the reception are asked to notify the Music Department as soon as possible at ext. 2406.

The “Swanson’s Swan Song” concert will include Zoltán Kodály’s “Háry János Suite,” Vaughan Williams “Serenade to Music” and performances by winners of the Music Department’s Solo Competition. For tickets ($6-$11), call the Performing Arts Ticket Office at ext. 2787.
Library invites faculty to help test PolySearch

The library is asking the faculty to help test its new PolySearch research portal. Faculty members can help fine-tune the service by previewing the system and using the Feedback button as well as by joining a usability study in the library.

PolySearch is live for previewing at http://www.lib.calpoly.edu/polysearch. Databases in the new interface are arranged by academic subject. Up to five resources can be searched simultaneously, and searches, e-journals and databases can be saved.

In the usability session, library staff members will walk participants through the system's features. It will be 3:30 p.m. May 27 in Library 111-B. A student session will be held May 26. All attendees will receive a $10 El Corral gift certificate. Attendance is limited; e-mail Mike Price at mprice@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6481.

PolySearch has been in development for over a year at every CSU campus. Students and faculty members helped in fall 2003 by participating in focus groups.

Emergency-response procedures are in place

The Administration and Finance Division reminds the campus of basic emergency-response information, since an emergency or disaster can happen anytime and usually occurs with little or no warning. When an emergency occurs, safety and recovery depend on existing levels of preparedness and a coordinated response from students, faculty members, staff members and visitors.

Many emergencies will be minor in nature, requiring two or three people to be responsible for the majority of the incident management tasks (building coordinators). In the event of a major emergency, one in which the campus cannot operate normally, the Campus Emergency Management Plan will be activated and emergency activities will be coordinated from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Special information sources, including the Web site http://emergency.calpoly.edu, will be activated only during catastrophic emergencies.

Important Numbers are:
• Emergency: 911.
• University Police (non-emergency): ext. 2251.
• University Police news line: ext. 6397.

The fundamental priorities guiding Cal Poly's response to an emergency on campus are life safety, the securing and preservation of infrastructure and facilities, and restoration of the academic program.

When an emergency occurs, employees are expected to remain at work unless they are directed to leave, and they should be prepared to follow emergency procedures and exercise reasonable judgment.

Community Pride Week to begin Saturday

The campus's annual Community Pride Week will begin Saturday (May 15) with a Cal Poly Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United softball game at 2:30 p.m. at Cuesta Park in San Luis Obispo.

Events also include training sessions, speakers, the film "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" (at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Business Rotunda), a panel discussion on "Being Out in the Workplace" (May 19, Chumash, noon), and a dance.

Community Pride Week, through May 21, is sponsored by the Growing Together Fund of the San Luis Obispo Community Foundation and the Pride Alliance Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center to educate the campus and community about gender identity and sexual orientation.

For more information, contact Maya Andlig at ext. 5839.

Rec Sport to offer team sports at noon

ASI Rec Sports has scheduled informal team-sport activities at noon this summer, Mondays through Fridays beginning June 22.

Employees who hold summer Rec Center memberships can drop in for pick-up basketball Monday-Wednesday-Friday, volleyball on Tuesdays, and indoor soccer Thursdays. Informal kickball or "mushball" softball will be at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays on the Rec Center field.

There are no set teams, no fees, and players don't have to come every week. For more information, call Joe Long in Rec Sports at ext. 5845.

Position Vacancies

FACULTY See www.calpolyjobs.org.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7107.) All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)

Controller, Accounting & Business Services, salary commensurate w/experience. Open until filled; review begins May 28.

Outreach Counselor/Advisor, Educational Talent Search, $16.41-$21.65/hour. Open until filled; review begins May 28.

CSU IP to hold regional orientation on campus

The CSU Office of International Programs will host its regional orientation for Central California 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday (May 15) in Business 213.

About 300 attendees are expected, from several different CSU campuses.

The orientation is designed to give students practical information, as well as reassure parents, introduce students to cross-cultural issues, motivate students to learn more about their host country, let them meet other students who will be studying abroad, and give them an opportunity to talk to recent participants.

WOW invites visits to training sessions

Week of Welcome student organizers invite faculty and staff members to visit WOW training sessions now under way. Meetings are 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays through June 1 in Chumash Auditorium.

Next Tuesday's meeting (May 18) will include sessions on such topics as stress and depression, diversity awareness, and community service implementation.

For more information contact Andrene Kaiwi-Lenting at ext. 2014 or akaiwile@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Report

The Cal Poly Report appears online on Wednesdays. Articles should be e-mailed to polynews@calpoly.edu with the subject line "For Cal Poly Report" by 4 p.m. the Friday before publication. The deadline changes when holidays intervene. For more information, call ext. 1511.