Mustang Graphics has new design, printing services

Mustang Graphics has begun using 14 commercial firms such as Barnett Cox and Poor Richard's Press to expand its capabilities for design, digital printing, offset printing, bindery and distribution.

The new and expanded services are the result of a bidding process aimed at providing the best service at the best price to Cal Poly customers, Mustang Graphics Director Steve Godin said.

Design services range from simple layouts to marketing campaigns and magazine design. For digital printing, both black-and-white and four-color, pricing is competitive with off-campus providers, Godin said. Mustang Graphics made a major expansion in its offset printing capability, enabling high-quality long runs. The firms providing the new services are listed at http://mg.calpoly.edu/aboutus/?about=1. Cal Poly customers will also soon be able to create an estimate and submit jobs on the Internet.

For more information or to get an estimate, call Godin at ext. 6-5201.

Cal Poly launches first ‘virtual viewbook’

Cal Poly has launched its first virtual student recruitment brochure. The “Digital Viewbook” uses multimedia effects such as Flash animation, 360-degree images and digital video.

Production was led by Albert Nunez, assistant director of admissions and recruitment, and production designer Leo Ko.

It is “part of the unit’s commitment to a campuswide, student-centered approach to enrollment,” said Jim Maraviglia, assistant vice president for admissions, recruitment and financial aid.

For a virtual tour, go to http://www.ess.calpoly.edu/admiss/viewbook/. For more information, call Maraviglia at ext. 6-2913.

PERS service-credit purchase begins Jan. 1

Active members of CalPERS will be able to purchase up to five years of service credit as of Jan. 1 under AB 719, recently signed by Gov. Davis.

To buy credit, members must have five years of “earned” CalPERS service. Any other purchased service credit, such as for military leave or public service, will not count toward the five-year earned-credit requirement.

Employees will be required to pay the full present value of the benefit, which would include both employee and employer contributions. Recent changes in federal tax laws would allow employees to roll funds over from personal tax-qualified savings accounts, such as 403(b), 401(k) and 403(b) rollover funds as well as 457 to help buy the service credit.

CalPERS is developing procedures and forms and will update its Web site to provide the latest information as well as a service-credit calculator (see https://www.calpers.ca.gov/mss-scce/Welcome.jsp) to help employees determine the cost of buying the credit. Cal Poly Human Resources also will provide updated information on its site, http://www.cphr.calpoly.edu/hree/benefits/whatsnew.html.
Agriculture installs campus wireless network

Students, the faculty and staff members in the main College of Agriculture complex can now access the campus computer network and Internet through wireless devices.

The project provides access from Ag Circle, the first and second floors of the Erhart Ag Building, the patio area along the stairs of the Ag Sciences Building, and the bleacher area (the "ramp") of the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Shop.

To gain access to the system, users must register their wireless device with Network Administration. For procedures and more information, contact Thomas Young at ext. 6-5010 or tyoung@calpoly.edu.

Library updates Web pages for course reserves

The library has updated the FAQs (frequently asked questions) on its Course Reserves Web page to help teachers place material on reserve as well as improve students' access to the material.

Separate FAQs for students and the faculty are at http://poetry.lib.calpoly.edu/screens/reserves.html. From the library's new home page, a graphic link gives direct access to the reserves page.

For comments or questions on the FAQs, contact Assistant Dean Navjit Brar at ext. 6-2631 or rbrar@calpoly.edu. Questions on course reserves submission or access should be directed to Donna Lister at ext. 6-5789 or dlister@calpoly.edu.

SFSG deadline Jan. 12

The deadline to submit State Faculty Support Grant proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the next academic year is Jan. 12. For guidelines and an application form, visit the Research and Graduate Programs Web site at www.calpoly.edu/-rgp, or call the office at ext. 6-1508.

Floral designs in library

Floral designs depicting children's story books will be on display in the first-floor corridor of the Kennedy Library Thursday through Tuesday. The arrangements are the midterm designs of students in Melinda Lynch's floral design class.

Sexual harassment prevention training set

The Office of Campus Relations is providing two sexual harassment prevention training sessions Nov. 19 in UU 220.

The first session, designed for staff members and management personnel, is 9-11 a.m. Session two, for faculty members and department heads and chairs, will be 1-3 p.m.

Employees are welcome to attend either session. However, the morning session will give examples specific to staff members, and the afternoon session will be directed primarily toward the faculty.

The training is intended to meet the campus policy requiring that employees complete a two-hour sexual harassment training before the end of their second quarter of employment.

Information will be given about campus policy on sexual harassment and management's and employees' responsibilities, as well as how to handle difficult situations.

To register, contact the Office of Campus Relations at ext. 6-6770 or e-mail lcofer@calpoly.edu.

Winter fee-waiver schedule

From Oct. 23 to Dec. 11, the university offers fee-waiver program at a reduced rate of $11.86 per credit hour.

To apply, go to http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hree/index.html (see Employee Fee Waiver). Call Darcy Adams at ext. 6-2472 for more information.

State Campaign ending

This year's State Employees Charitable Campaign runs through Thursday (Oct. 30). Organizers ask donors to return their pledge forms to their department captains by today to allow for initial processing.

More information is available at www.unitedwayslo.org and from Vivien Valentine-Hidalgo at United Way at 549-6379 or vivien.hidalgo@unitedway.org.

Ayral Clause to speak on French sculptor Claudel

French professor Odile Ayral Clause will give a talk on "The Passionate Life and Art of Camille Claudel" at 11 a.m. Tuesday (Nov. 4) in Chumash Auditorium.

Clause has written a book on Claudel, Auguste Rodin's lover and assistant, whose own sensual sculptures were dismissed by much of the art world at a time when women's work was not highly valued.

The Kennedy Library, Women's Studies Program and Writing Skills Center are sponsoring the event.

Cal Poly Report schedule

The Cal Poly Report appears in print and online (www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu) Wednesdays during the academic year. E-mail articles to polynews@calpoly.edu by 10 a.m. the Wednesday before publication with the subject line "For Cal Poly Report." For more information, call ext. 6-1511.

Position Vacancies

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. For more information call ext. 6-5800.

Program Assistant, $15.32/hour, full-time. Closing date: Friday (Oct. 31).