Distinguished Teachers to speak Friday noon

The most recent winners of the Distinguished Teacher Award – Alvin De Jong, Bernard Duffy and Linda Vanasupa – will share their experiences in a panel discussion from noon to 2 p.m. Friday (Oct. 24) in Kennedy Library 510B.

The panelists will also offer insight into key factors of effective teaching, including challenges they have overcome, as well as ways of helping students become successful learners and contributors to society.

The panel discussion is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning. Advance registration is required. Contact Ann Wilenius at ext. 6-7002 or awileniu@calpoly.edu.

Retirees can keep giving

A new feature of the State Employees Charitable Campaign this year is a special pledge form that those retiring can use to continue giving after retirement. The form is on the last page of the Campaign brochure available from department captains and at www.unitedwayslo.org/csecc/index.html.

Graphic Communication wins national accreditation

The Graphic Communication Department’s Bachelor of Science degree program has received national accreditation, becoming one of only three graphic arts programs nationwide to have that distinction.

The recommendation, made by the Accreditation Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications (ACCGC), concluded more than a year and a half of preparation, including a site visit by a team of industry and education experts. The five-year accreditation was officially recognized at a recent ACCGC board of directors meeting in Chicago.

The department’s self-study and related accreditation preparations were spearheaded by Professor Penny Osmond.

'Substance' begins today; Thursday is 'Provocative'

University officials hope to spark dialogue on campus – and between the campus community and the public – on such issues as free speech, diversity and intellectual freedom with two new programs beginning today and tomorrow: "Soup and Substance: Campus Dialogues" and "Provocative Perspectives."

The first discussion in the "Soup and Substance" series starts at noon today in the east wing of Chumash Auditorium. A panel of faculty and staff members and students will explore "Campus Civility and Student, Staff and Faculty Accountability"; small-group discussion will follow.

The new "Provocative Perspectives" speaker series begins Thursday (Oct. 23) with a talk by writer-editor Richard Rodriguez. His free, public lecture on "The Browning of America: Race, Religion and Ethnicity in an Erotic Age" is in Chumash Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Thursday morning, Rodriguez will give a faculty-staff breakfast presentation in Vista Grande Cafe beginning at 7:30 a.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. Space for the breakfast is limited, and reservations are required; call ext. 6-7006 or e-mail glea@calpoly.edu.

An editor at the Pacific News Service syndicate, Rodriguez is a regular contributor to the Sunday Opinion section of the Los Angeles Times and to Harper’s magazine and has written three books and numerous articles for national periodicals. He is also an essayist on PBS’s "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer."

"Soup and Substance," to be held usually on the first Wednesday of every month, will aim to open communication among students, the staff and faculty, and members of the community on a variety of issues, said Mark Fabionar of the Multi-Cultural Center. Soup will be served free.

For more information on "Soup and Substance," contact Fabionar at ext. 6-5840 or mfabionar@calpoly.edu.

For more information on "Provocative Perspectives," contact organizer Pat Harris at ext. 6-2582 or pharriss@calpoly.edu.
Volunteers needed to 'make a difference'

Volunteers are needed to help with service projects countywide as part of Make a Difference Day on Saturday (Oct. 25) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event, co-sponsored by Cal Poly's Community Center, the local United Way and the city Police Department, begins at San Luis Obispo's Veterans Hall.

Projects for local non-profit organizations will include both physical and social activities. Last year's events included repainting the homeless shelter, assisting the elderly at a local retirement facility, and cleaning up local parks and beaches.

For more information, contact Dan Pronsolino of the United Way of SLO County at 756-5120 or makeadifference@unitedwayslo.org.

Budget limits funds for proposal development

Because of budget cuts, funding will be severely limited in 2003-04 for assigned time for faculty members to prepare grant and contract proposals.

As usual, requests made early in the academic year are more likely to be approved, according to the Research and Graduate Programs office, the office that reviews such requests.

The funds for assigned time are designed to give full-time faculty members more time to prepare proposals for external funding. Requests should be in writing and include the number of WTUs desired, the academic term for which the request is made, the agency or program for which the proposal is being prepared, and the application deadline, as well as any other information that supports the request, such as preliminary work accomplished either on the project or on proposal development.

The request, which may be submitted at any time during the academic year, should be directed to the dean of research and graduate programs and signed by the respective department head or chair and by the dean. It should include a current c.v. and a list of other university support received during the last five years.

For more information, call Research and Graduate Programs at ext. 6-1508 or look on the office's Web site, www.calpoly.edu/~rgp.

Flu, pneumonia shots available Nov. 5 in Chumash

A flu and pneumonia vaccine clinic for employees and family members will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 5 in the right wing of Chumash Auditorium. The clinic is sponsored by the Office of Campus Relations.

The cost is $18 for flu vaccine and $25 for pneumonia vaccine, payable in cash or check (to Maxim Health Systems). For more information, contact Campus Relations at ext. 6-6770.

Leave solicitation

Sandy Eurich, administrative support assistant in Grants Development, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and/or sick leave to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended absence.

Those interested in donating leave may request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Carol Brookshire in Research and Graduate Programs at ext. 6-1508 or by e-mail.

Information on who can donate leave is included on the donation form.

CSU Research Competition open to undergrads, grads

Research and Graduate Programs encourages faculty and staff members to let students know about the CSU Student Research Competition to be held May 7-8. Students can turn their senior projects or master's theses into entries. For more information visit www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/src or call ext. 6-1508.

ASI sets trip to Getty

ASI Events is organizing a Nov. 8 trip to the Getty Museum and Westwood in Los Angeles. The $25 non-student rate will include transportation in a bus with movies and refreshments, three hours at the Getty, and time in Westwood for shopping and dinner on your own. Buses are to arrive back in San Luis Obispo at 10:30 p.m.

Sign up at the UU Epicenter by Oct. 29. For more information contact ASI Events at ext. 6-1112 or look at www.asi.calpoly.edu/events.

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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. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

#100202: Department Head-Tenure-track, 12-month full-time professor, Architecture Department, College of Architecture & Environmental Design (ext. 6-1316). Closing date: Feb. 15.

#100203: Conservation Biologist-Tenure-track, full-time assistant professor, Biological Sciences Department, College of Science & Mathematics (ext. 6-5241). Review begins Dec. 31; applications received after that date may be considered.

#100204: Animal Geneticist-Tenure-track, full-time assistant professor, Biological Sciences Department, College of Science & Mathematics (ext. 6-5241). Review begins Dec. 31; applications received after that date may be considered.

#100193: Administrative Support Assistant 1,* Extended Studies, Continuing Education, temporary through 6/30/04, $1,895-$2,746/month. Closing date: Tuesday (Oct. 28).

#100195: Administrative Support Assistant 1,* Student Affairs, Counseling Services, temporary through 6/30/04, $1,895-$2,746/month. Closing date: Monday (Oct. 27).

#100200: Administrative Support Assistant 1,* Extended Studies, Continuing Education, temporary on call through 12/31/04, $9.93-$15.84/hour. Closing date: Oct. 29.

#100201: Athletic Academic Advisor (Student Services Professional II), Academic Affairs, Athletics, $3,173-$4,278/month. Closing date: Nov. 7.

#100205: Administrative Support Coordinator 1,* College of Agriculture, Earth & Soil Sciences, $2,548-$3,696/month. Closing date: Tuesday (Oct. 28).

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