North County commuters eligible for new program

Employees and students who live in the North County can earn "lucky bucks" for gifts, simply by ride sharing during the three-year Cuesta Grade construction project.

Those who sign up for the new incentive program are asked to keep track of the transportation they use to get to and from campus. Points earned can be redeemed for movie tickets, car washes, lunches at campus dining facilities, pizzas, and postage stamps.

Cal Poly's incentive gifts are partially funded by a grant from the Air Pollution Control District. (This is a different grant from the city bus subsidy Cal Poly has received.) To register for the program, e-mail Commuter Services at janelle@calpoly.edu or call Jacqueline Paulsen at ext. 6-6600 for a registration form.

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- Carol Burns, “Housing and Mobility,” Jan. 21.
- Charles Correa, topic to be announced, Feb. 25.
- Michael Sorkin, “Architecture as News,” 8 p.m. April 14, Chumash Auditorium.
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Obituary
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Laurence Talbott, industrial technology professor emeritus, died Sept. 27 in San Luis Obispo.
Talbott taught at Cal Poly from 1966 to 1987 and served as department chair during his last two years.
His lifelong quest for learning led him to earn several degrees: a bachelor’s in engineering from San Diego State in 1951, an MBA from USC in 1965, an Ed.D. from Utah State University in 1972, a master’s in civil engineering from Cal Poly in 1979, a bachelor’s in history from Cal State Bakersfield in 1990, and a Ph.D. in history from The Union Institute in 1995.
After he retired from Cal Poly, he taught history part time at the university and at Allan Hancock and Cuesta colleges.
Talbott had his first book published this year, “California and the War for Southern Independence.”

'Self-Directed Learning' title of first FIDO talk
Computer Science professor John Dalbey will present "Self-Directed Learning" from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 13 as the first fall quarter FIDO (Faculty Instructional Development Office) presentation.
Self-directed learning is an educational model in which the student is given control over aspects of the learning process that typically have been chosen by the teacher. The method gives students responsibility for formulating goals, identifying resources, determining and performing learning activities, and evaluating outcomes.
Dalbey will discuss a style of self-directed learning used in a Cal Poly computer literacy course. Factors that influenced the decision to adopt this pedagogy include:
- The tremendous diversity of student backgrounds and expertise.
- Varied student educational goals and motives.
- The increasing rate at which knowledge is becoming obsolete and the desire to train students for lifelong learning.
- The desire to create more-engaged learners.
It has been found that students using self-directed learning find the course

Three employees' dedication recognized
Three staff members have been selected to receive the 1998-99 Student Affairs Division Chandler Award for dedicated service to students and Cal Poly.
The winners are Loree Creath, lead custodian in Housing and Residential Life; Carolyn Jones, career counselor in Career Services; and Mary Lou Sneed, assistant to the director, Student Academic Services.
A colleague writing in support of Creath's nomination for the award called her one of Cal Poly's "unsung heroes" and said, "Her dedication and loyalty to the students and staff is exemplary. She is known for a willingness to take on extra assignments." Creath has worked at Cal Poly for 25 years.
Jones, who also has worked at Cal Poly for 25 years, is known for developing good rapport with the faculty and students. She has received many awards from student councils and student organizations, including the title of "honorary teacher educator" for contributions to students.
For 18 years Sneed has maintained a reputation as one of the most enthusiastic and kind individuals on campus. Colleagues said she "keeps groups focused, and can pull others together under common goals to accomplish things they never thought possible."
The award is named in honor of Everett and Arlene Chandler and recognizes the couple's long-standing contributions to Cal Poly and the Student Affairs profession.
Everett Chandler served for 26 years as dean of students at Cal Poly, from 1951 to 1977. Arlene Chandler helped lay the foundation for the Week of Welcome program. From 1962 to 1964 she served as associate dean of women.

Cal Poly Arts has moved
Cal Poly Arts is now in Trailer 2, located off Highland Drive on Mount Bishop Road.
Telephone and fax numbers remain the same: ext. 6-6556 and ext. 6-6558, respectively.

Rich Saenz wins drawing worth $50
Rich Saenz, Physics Department chair, won $50 credited to his Campus Express Club account.
He won the drawing at a Foundation information display in the Cohan Center lobby during Fall Conference week.
Learn to locate funding sources on line

The Grants Development Office has scheduled a hands-on training session on Oct. 13 for faculty members and administrative staff members to learn how to locate funding sources electronically through a Web-based service called SPIN (Sponsored Programs Information Network).

SPIN and its e-mail notification service, SMARTS, are available free to Cal Poly faculty and staff members at www.infoed.org (select Access InfOffice).

The class will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 105-D in the Air Conditioning Building.

The session will be limited to 10 people. To reserve space, call Grants Development at ext. 6-2982 or e-mail jostreye@calpoly.edu. 

Open forum set for Thursday

An open forum is planned for faculty and staff members to meet and talk with David Spence, CSU executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer, who will make his first visit to campus on Thursday.

The forum is sponsored by the Academic Senate and will run from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in UU 220.

All faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern. 

Swanton Pacific Ranch Day is Sunday

The headline in last week’s Cal Poly Report announcing Friday (Oct. 8) as Swanton Pacific Ranch Day was incorrect. The body of the article listed the correct day, Sunday (Oct. 10).

We apologize for the confusion.

Construction updates available on Web

Current information on construction projects is available from the News Line at ext. 6-6808 or on the Web at www.campusprojects.calpoly.edu.

To speak to someone, call Deby Ryan at ext. 6-6806. 

In the dark on where to park?

This occasional column is intended to keep drivers advised of anticipated reserved parking spaces and lot closures. Certain campus events scheduled between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday require reserved parking spaces. Commuters can plan ahead by checking the "In the dark on where to park?" column, which will include closure dates, lot locations and the number of spaces to be reserved.

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- Today - 35 spaces in the C-2 parking lot will be reserved for a meeting of the Chief Administrators and Business Officers.
- Thursday - 20 spaces in the C-2 parking lot will be reserved for the Environmental Horticultural Science Advisory Council.

H-4 parking lot used for event overflow

During fall quarter the H-4 parking lot by the Foundation Administration Building will be used for overflow parking for major events held at the Performing Arts Center, Mott Gym and the Recreation Center.

The lot is needed to make up for spaces in the Grand Avenue lots lost to construction of the parking structure.

Signs located at the entrances to the H-4 lot will indicate which evenings the lot will be needed to accommodate visitors attending events. On those evenings, the lot will close to general parking at 5 p.m. The closures will be determined by projected attendance and the closure days will be posted on Monday prior to the week’s events.

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‘Surviving the Weekend’ topic of Oct. 18 talk

An award-winning journalist and poet, who at 14 was raped and assaulted after a night of drinking, will talk about “Surviving the Weekend” at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Theatre.

The presentation by River Huston is sponsored by ASI Events in observance of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Huston is known for giving frank accounts of her own problems with alcohol and how it clouded her judgment and wreaked havoc in her life. During her first year in college she realized she needed to face her dependence on alcohol and change her life.

She does not advocate abstinence from alcohol but rather informed choice, responsibility, and basic awareness. Through humor and audience participation, Huston will explain how to have a good time without abusing alcohol or drugs.

Aiming to teach responsible drinking, the program deals with warning signs, attitudes, stereotypes, and the effect of drugs and alcohol on sexual decisions.

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Thursday is National Depression Screening Day

Employees, students and their family members have an opportunity to learn about the signs and symptoms of depression and to participate in a free, confidential screening as part of National Depression Screening Day Thursday.

Representatives from Health and Counseling Services and the Employee Assistance Program will be in the UU Plaza area from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. distributing information and administering a confidential depression screening.

Individuals tested will be able to discuss the results with a mental health professional.

Participants will learn about the causes, symptoms and treatment of depression. Symptoms can include feeling sad, empty or restless, having trouble sleeping, eating or concentrating, thinking about suicide or death, and experiencing fatigue or loss of energy.

Depression is a medical illness, not a weakness, and treatments are available.

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Still time to sign up for fund-raiser

Sign-ups begin this week at the Recreation Center for the Mark S. Reuling Memorial Endowment Volleyball Challenge to be played Friday and Saturday in conjunction with National Depression Screening Day.

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For more information, call Vivian Phillips at ext. 6-5279 or Joe Long at ext. 6-1666.

The Foundation Board to meet Friday

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“The goal of the ASI Fine Arts Program club for Club 221 is to provide harmonious surroundings — sometimes stimulating, sometimes relaxing — in which to showcase the academic and artistic achievements of Cal Poly students.

“We aim to provide the ‘playground’ from which to originate new ideas and also provide the ‘showcase’ for the fruits of those creative efforts, by and for our students.”

The gallery’s first show is in place, featuring the ceramic art of mechanical engineering student Guo Xiao through Dec. 10.

Club 221 is also expected to provide a platform for interdisciplinary programs such as the Elizabethan festival with English, music and art students, a history of technology symposium with engineering, architecture and interior design students, and architecture and interior design critiques of shows.

Club 221 can also be used for mini-plays and performances, poetry readings and story narrations, panel discussions and symposiums and demonstrations of the techniques used in various art forms.

Staff members are exploring the possibility of creating a video-on-demand service for the wired students so they can view works of art while listening to the artists talk about their work.

Club 221 is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call LaBarbera at ext. 6-1182.
Employees and students who live in the North County can earn "lucky bucks" for gifts, simply by ride sharing during the three-year Cuesta Grade construction project.

Those who sign up for the new incentive program are asked to keep track of the transportation they use to get to and from campus. Points earned can be redeemed for movie tickets, car washes, snacks at campus dining facilities, pizzas, and postage stamps.

Cal Poly's incentive gifts are partially funded by a grant from the Air Pollution Control District. This is a different grant from the city bus subsidy Cal Poly has received.

To register for the program, e-mail Commuter Services at paulsen@calpoly.edu or call Jacquie Paulsen at ext. 6-6680 for a registration form.

The program is sponsored by the Caltrans Cuesta Grade Project.

As a reminder, all employees are eligible for new program.

talent.computer@calpoly.edu - For up-to-date, detailed information, faxed to 6-6533, or mailed to Commuter Services at the University Center for Teacher Education.


Gov. Davis signs bill to improve retirement

Senate Bill 400, "benefit equity" legislation improving PERS retirement benefits, was signed by the governor last week.

Among the changes is a 2 percent at age 55 formula to replace the 2 percent at 60 system for "state miscellaneous" employees, which includes most Cal Poly employees.

The CalPERS board will be asked to ratify the actuarial changes necessary to implement the changes at its October meeting. The provisions of the legislation will then take effect Jan. 1.

For up-to-date, detailed information, check the CalPERS Web site at www.calpers.ca.gov. CalPERS representatives are also available to answer questions Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 800 352-2238.