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Ag Biotechnology Colloquium: T. Pitzer Lyons (Altair Biotechnology Center), UU 220, 3-10 p.m.

Music: Student piano recital, Cohan Center Music Hall, 8-9 p.m.

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**Ag, Hungarian university sign exchange agreement**

The College of Agriculture and Saint Stephen University College of Economics and Agriculture, Győngyös, Hungary (GYFK), have entered into a faculty exchange agreement.

GYFK General Director Sándor Magda went on campus recently to sign the agreement with Agriculture Dean Joe Jen.

According to Jen, “in addition to bringing global agriculture into the classroom, the faculty exchange program will provide professional development opportunities to our faculty members as well as help them understand the culture of this Eastern European country.”

“We are particularly interested in this Hungarian university because they also believe in and practice a ‘learn-by-doing’ educational philosophy,” Jen said.

The program will begin in spring with a Cal Poly faculty member going to Hungary for one quarter. A GYFK faculty member will come to Cal Poly in the fall.

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**Vigil invited to talk**

Recognizing the need for international cooperation and collaboration in the area of waste management for Advanced Waste and Emission Management at Nagoya University, Japan, invited Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Sam Vigil to address the first International Symposium on Advanced Waste and Emission Management.

Vigil spoke on “Environmental Management of Waste in the Semiconductor and Electronics Industries.” As an internationally recognized expert on integrated waste management, he was one of five sponsors for the interdisciplinary hazardous waste management topics.
Engineering Prof Goel wins research prize

The American Society of Civil Engineers recently awarded its prestigious Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Award to Rakesh Goel, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering.

Goel, who carried a cash prize and a certificate, was given for "advancing the current understanding of the earthquake response of some architectural plans. The advanced research procedures for improving the seismic design of buildings and other structures." Goel is the first Cal Poly faculty member to receive the honor.

Goel's award recognizes his work on buildings that are asymmetrical and are likely to twist and contort under uneven weight, thereby causing greater damage, Goel said. "Our main goal is to design structures that will accommodate these vulnerable structures. The devastating earthquake that recently struck El Salvador and Guatemala is a harsh reminder of the research that is vitally needed in the field," said Goel.

Polywomen's Club to hold fund raiser

The Cal Poly Polywomen's Club is planning a fund-raising fashion show at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 7. The event, entitled Festiva Old, will include a tostada bar for lunch, entertainment, and a silent auction.

Proceeds will fund Cal Poly student scholarships. For more information or to make a reservation call 543-6100.

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The Reulings have challenged Cal Poly to help them make the endowment grow. "We're doing it, so we want to increase awareness about mental illness and depression," Reuling said. A volleyball tournament was chosen as the campus fund-raiser because Mark was an avid player while at Cal Poly.

Team registration will begin at the Recreation Center on Jan. 22. The cost per team is $50, and each team will receive six T-shirts. Proceeds from the registration fee will add to the endowment. The tournament will feature two divisions: the staff; faculty and student employment at noon Feb. 19 and 20, with playoffs scheduled later that afternoon. Members of fraternities, sororities and student clubs will participate at noon. The tournament will be played at the Rec Center.

For more information call Joe Long at ext. 6-1366 or Vivian Phillips, ext. 6-57/6.

Two days remain in Rose Float idea contest

Two days remain in the "concept" contest, open to faculty and staff members and students, for the two Cal Poly's Rose Float entries for the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day 2002.

Entries should incorporate the theme for next year's parade, which is "Good Times." Entries can be a drawing or written description submitted on paper no smaller than 9 by 12 by 11 inches. Drawings may be accompanied by written descriptions.

Entries should include their name, address and telephone number in a sealed envelope attached to the back of the concept. No names, initials or identifying marks should appear on the front of the entry.

Submissions are due by 5 p.m. Friday (Jan. 26) in the Rose Float office, UU 209.

All submissions become the sole property of the Rose Float Program and may be reproduced, altered or used in any manner deemed appropriate by the Rose Float Program Committee.

The winner will receive two Rose Parade passes and tickets or the equivalent cash value.

The Cal Poly's entry in the 2001 parade, "A Great Roundup for the Trophy for 'the most beautiful float built and decorated by volunteers.'" was recently nominated. For additional guidelines and more information, call Cynthia Brown, senior Rose Float coordinator, at ext. 6-6064 or e-mail her at cbrown@calpoly.edu.

Nominations sought for five scholarships

The Statue of Women Committee is seeking nominations for five scholarships, all designed to recognize students who have demonstrated a commitment to the rights of women.

• The James M. Duenow Scholarship is given to a student with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 who is enrolled in the College of Engineering or the chemistry, physics, biological sciences, education and mathematics. The student must have served as a leader in organizations that have the primary purpose of promoting women's rights.

• The Robert S. Harmon Scholarship is for a student who has demonstrated commitment to the rights of women and is considering a career as an investigative reporter.

• The L. Diane Ryan Scholarship is given to a student who has demonstrated commitment to the rights of women and has been identified as having the potential to provide moral leadership in the community.

• The Dr. Shirley H. Walker Scholarship is given to a student with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 who has been identified as having provided leadership on projects that promote women's rights.

• Only nominations submitted by faculty and staff members will be considered. Eligible students must be enrolled through fall 2001, when the awards will be disbursed.

Nominations due Feb. 5, should include the student's name and an explanation of why the student is being nominated. Send nominations to Nigil Sanger, Sociology Department, or e-mail her at csanger@calpoly.edu.

Applications due March 1 for FEMA, "low-income" program in creative writing

A CSU Master of Fine Arts degree program in creative writing designed for working people is taking applications for its inaugural class at Cal Poly.

The "low-residency" program, now in its third year, is intended for those who find it difficult to take off from their jobs, military service or other commitments for a full-time education. Preference will be given to a liberal art major.

The Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship is for a student who has demonstrated commitment to the rights of women and is considering a career as an investigative reporter.

Applications must have a bachelor's degree and must submit transcripts, GRE scores, letters of recommendation and a personal statement and a portfolio of original work.

For details, including application procedures, degree requirements, outlines and faculty biographies, see the MFA website at mfa.csuchico.edu/mfascholarships. For more information or brochures, call or e-mail the Regional and Continuing Education Department at CSU Chico (530) 894-1065, Paul Eagles at peggers@csuchi.edu, Jeanne Clark at jfclark@csuchico.edu, or Phuong, ext. 6-2294, phuong@calpoly.edu.

Deadline near for CSU "info competence" grants

The CSU is providing grants to faculty members who develop curricula that help students master important "information competence" skills.

To be eligible for this year's grants, proposed projects must address student learning outcomes at the department or major level and involve collaboration with an appropriate member of the library faculty. The deadline for submitting proposals is Feb. 15.

More information on the proposals can be found on the Kennedy Library's Web site at www.lib.csuchico.edu/infocompetence.html.

Graphic Communication celebrates Printing Week

The Graphic Communication Department is celebrating International Printing Week with lectures, seminars, and other events in commemoration of Benjamin Franklin's birthday.

Professor Hank Apfelberg, who is retiring after 30 years of service, was honored at an event that included a dedication to the American Society of Civil Engineers for its contributions to the workforce of the future.

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A group of five CSU campuses — Cal Poly, Chico, Hayward, Los Angeles and Northridge — offers the program, with a different faculty hosting the summer sessions each year.

The faculty is drawn from the five campuses. This summer’s courses, from June 25 through Aug. 8, include a fiction writing workshop, a poetry writing workshop, a special topics class called ECO-Lit: Reading and Writing the Land, with Diane Ryan, and a creative writing seminar with Paula Huston, ext. 6-2294, ph: 805-774-6610.
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Report on research, data analysis

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Cal Poly to host second Bioremediation Symposium

Carl Polk's Hall of Science will host a symposium in the school's Bioremediation Symposium on Feb. 5 and 6.

The symposium will bring leading scientists to campus to discuss advances in cleaning up contaminated water and soil.

The event will specifically focus on advances in phytoremediation, habitat restoration and bioremediation treatment for groundwater contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons and chlorinated and other recalcitrant compounds.

The symposium is designed to attract experts in various areas of bioremediation, environmental science and environmental biotechnology to campus and to the community and should be of interest to professionals concerned in bioremediation, officials involved in regulatory and problem-solving in industry, business people looking at new technology, and concerned citizens.

The symposium coordinator Alice Hanbit said. Pn Scanlon of XOMA Corp. will speak on "Biotechnology, Past and Present" at 4:10 p.m. Feb. 8 in Chumash Auditorium. The symposium is part of the Centennial Celebration and is free and open to the public.

Presentations and question-and-answer sessions are scheduled between Feb. 9 and a morning field trip to the Guadalupe Dunes for Feb. 10. Contamination in a former oil field in the dunes is being remediated by the UNOCAL Corp.

To register and for more information, call 6-4373 or e-mail biotech@calpoly.edu.

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