Additiona: campus tours offered through Aug. 31

To accommodate the large number of campus visitors during the summer, campus tours are being offered every weekday through Aug. 31. After the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 3, the tours will return to the standard Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule. Tours begin at 10:10 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. at the Information Desk in the UU. The Admissions Office will also offer its optional Admissions Information Workshop for campus visitors every day the tours are given through Aug. 31. The workshops are from noon to 1:30 p.m. Those interested should also meet at the UU Information Desk.

For more information, e-mail Cindee Bennett-Thompson, Admissions.

Director of IEP sought

A director is being sought for International Education and Programs (IEP). The IEP director provides leadership and advocacy for international education within the campus community. Assignments include: planning, budgeting and administration of the IEP office and its staff of six; chairing the IEP Council, the advisory body for international education at Cal Poly; acting as a liaison for faculty members, students and administrators on international issues; developing policies and procedures pertaining to international education programs; coordinating university units in developing and administering international education programs; and serving as the responsible university officer for J-1 and F-1 visas and implementing State Department, INS, CSU, and federal and state regulations pertaining to international students.

The position incorporates that of the London Study director, who has administrative responsibility for the operation of both fall and spring study-abroad programs in London. The director is assisted

Senate confirms Jen as Agriculture under secretary

Former Dean of Agriculture Joe Jen's nomination to the post of under secretary of agriculture for research, education and economics was confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He was sworn in by Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman on July 17. Jen will oversee four agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture: the Agricultural Research Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, the Economic Research Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Retired associate dean

John West dies at 77

John W. West, retired associate dean of the College of Agriculture, died July 20 in Las Vegas. West, whose tenure at Cal Poly spanned 20 years, was hired in 1968 as associate dean of the College of Agriculture.

A World War II veteran, he had also served as head of the Poultry Department at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, son, Steve, and daughter, Arista, a Cal Poly Help Desk staff member.

McDonald to retire; Aug. 16 reception set

After a decade of service to Cal Poly, Director of Human Resources and Employment Equity Anna McDonald is leaving Cal Poly to begin a career as the associate vice president for human resources at the University of Vermont.

The campus community is invited to a farewell reception in McDonald's honor from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 16 in the Veranda Café Conference Room. Light refreshments and beverages will be served.

Anyone wishing to send a card, letter or photo for her memory book should call the HREE office at ext. 6-2236.

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Leaves solicitation

Guy Silva, a custodian in Facility Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and/or sick leave to help him remain in full-pay status during an extended absence. Those interested in donating leave may request the Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Edie Griffin-Shaw in Facility Services at ext. 6-5220 or by e-mail.

CSEA employees in units 2, 5, 9 and 10 are invited to discuss the possibility of donating time to Mr. Silva due to his extended leave. Requests must be submitted by 5 p.m. of the listed closing date. AAE/EOE.

Position vacancies

STATE: For a complete listing of employment opportunities for state staff and management positions, you can:

• Call to the HREE office, Admin. 110, and view the posted positions.
• Call the HREE, Job Line at ext. 6-1533.

For a listing of new openings, check The Tribune’s Sunday edition.

Applications for job openings must be received by the Human Resources and Employment Equity office, Admin. 110, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.

Immigrant family crisis to be focus of discussion

The story of an immigrant Hmong family and a medical crisis will be the focus of a discussion at noon Aug. 10 in the Erhart Agriculture Building, Room 241. Part of a monthly series of lunchtime discussions centered on diversity-related issues, the program will be based on a book by Anne Fadiman, “The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down,” subtitled “A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures.”

The discussion will illustrate the importance of understanding and respecting cultural differences and how the consequences can be tragic if differences are not recognized and acknowledged.

The program is sponsored by the Cultural Awareness Committee, Additional meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of each month at the same location. For information about the discussion group or future topics, or to find out more about the Cultural Awareness Committee, call Bonnie Knupp at ext. 6-5406 or Gail Simmons, ext. 6-2803.

Extended Studies to offer Nature Explorers camps

Extended Studies is offering two sessions of Nature Explorers, an environmental sciences camp for third- through sixth-grade children. The camps run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Space is available for two sessions:

• Aug. 6-10—“Rock-Hounding.” Campers will collect rocks with chisel and hammer and learn to identify them. They will also see how earthquakes and volcanic activity helped form the Central Coast and discover 15 million-year-old marine mammal fossils.

• Aug. 13-17—“Native Awareness.” This session will focus on the American Indians used to become better observers. Campers will learn to use field guides to identify plants, seeds and animal tracks. They will explore the natural areas of the campus and make a pine needle basket and thatch from yucca leaves.

For details, go to www.ExtendedStudies.calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-2053.

Van-pools have openings

The Santa Maria-Nipomo van-pool route is looking for commuters working 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and the Morro Bay-Los Osos area van needs employees working 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. According to Debby Anderson, coordinator of commuter and access services with the University Police, the average annual cost to drive from Santa Maria to campus is $5,472; the average cost from Morro Bay is approximately $2,700.

For more information, contact Anderson at ext. 6-6880 or djanders@calpoly.edu.