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Qualifications: Significant academic and administrative experience in an education and one of the institutional areas within the college and credentials appropriate for a tenure appointment at the rank of professor. A demonstrated capacity for academic leadership and team building; evidence of a strong commitment to excellence teaching and scholarship; commitment to fostering a technology-enhanced collaborative learning environment; capacity to expand alliances with the private sector; strong experience and a commitment to engaging the college in a comprehensive program of advancement activities; ability to work effectively with an ethnically and culturally diverse campus community and to address student needs in a multicultural educational environment. The candidate should be familiar with significant educational issues affecting U.S. food, fiber, and natural resource industries and institutions in both the domestic and global markets.

Compensation: Salary is commensurate with the background and experience of the individual selected. The Management Personnel Plan adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees governs all rights associated with this appointment.

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A multidisciplinary team of Cal Poly students is working to make sport utility vehicles “greener.”

The team is one of 15 selected from universities across the country to participate in Future Truck 2002, a national competition drawing on college students’ imaginations to help make sport utility vehicles more “environmentally friendly” without reducing vehicle performance.

This year’s sponsors are the Ford Motor Co. and the U.S. Department of Energy. Ford has given the Cal Poly team $10,000 in seed money and a 2002 Ford Explorer. The team’s proposed vehicle showcases the ultimate in hybrid vehicle design,” said Andrew Johnson, the team’s marketing manager. “It combines the power and poise of a fully functional SUV with trace emission levels.”

Cal Poly, the newest contestant in the Future Truck competition, was chosen because of “outstanding new short past experience with competitions, and as hands-on, learn-by-doing” approach,” Johnson said.

For the competition, Cal Poly engineering students will introduce a state-of-the-art engine that uses technology known as “homogeneous charge compression ignition,” according to Johnson.

“So far, this technology has only existed in a laboratory setting,” Johnson said. “We will be the first to put it to actual use.

With the support from engineers at Nvida National Laboratories, we will show the world how incredibly efficient and powerful this engine technology can be,” Johnson said.

The Cal Poly students plan to have a functional vehicle ready for competition by spring 2002. Cal Poly has assembled the largest team of the 15 competitors, bringing together students from the College of Engineering and Oralia College of Business.

The multidisciplinary team includes students in aeronautical, electrical, environmental and mechanical engineering as well as in business and marketing.

For more information, contact Andrew Johnson at 235-6310.
Cal Poly to be part of 'GIS Day 2001' Nov. 14

As part of a worldwide grass-roots effort, Cal Poly is planning to take part in GIS Day 2001, a daylong event on Nov. 14 designed to illustrate the benefits of geographic information systems to children, communities and businesses.

Talks, demonstrations and exhibits will be part of the event, set for 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Kennedy Library.

Staff members from the library and the city and county of San Luis Obispo will present "real world," local applications of GIS technology to the public.

The event is being celebrated around the world by the International Geographic Information Society, the Association of American Geographers, the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Natural Resources, Geography and Landscape Architecture, as well as the library, which will be providing GIS is used in teaching and research.

San Luis Obispo city staff members will be providing GIS data sets that they use. Bobi J Cole from the California Conservation Corp will demonstrate the GIS system in which GIS data are collected. Student projects will be on display on the first floor of the Kennedy Library.

The San Luis Obispo Geographic Information Consortium Website is at www.slocgis.com. Information on the events scheduled throughout GIS Day can be referenced at GISDay.org. Contact Melissa Mertogul, Kennedy Library, at ext. 6-6399 or e-mail mmertogul@calpoly.edu.

Grants to be focus talk

A faculty orientation, "Internal-External Grants and Program Other Development Opportunities," is set for the Performing Arts Center's Philips Hall. Room 201. Box lunches will be provided to those who reserve space by Nov. 2. Call Research and Graduate Programs at ext. 6-1508 or e-mail chrwinkh@calpoly.edu.


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All full- and part-time faculty members, including tenured, tenure-track and lecturers are eligible to apply.

Proposals must have departmental approval from a faculty member. Application materials are due by 5 p.m. Nov. 30. They can be submitted to the Academic Programs Office in Adm. 315 or online at www.acadicals.calpoly.edu/community/cbl/index.htm. Award notification is expected to be made by Dec. 12, 2001.

Selection criteria and application forms are on the Web and in departmental offices. Selections will be made by a committee of faculty and staff of the CSU that has a statewide presence.

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Telecomm presentations set for October, November

Facilities Planning has scheduled presentations to give the campus community an opportunity to learn about Telecomm, a project to upgrade the university’s telecommunications infrastructure.

The presentations will be held 11 a.m.-noon today (Oct. 24) and Nov. 29, both in UU 220.

Presentations on telecommunications in all state-owned buildings will be upgraded over a two-year period beginning January 2002. Each classroom and computer lab will be equipped or upgraded with voice, video and data communications.

Comments must be submitted on forms available at the Learning Resources Display Center. Comments on legislation or educational content issues must be postmarked by Dec. 3 to be considered. The State Board of Education will make its final adoption decision in January 2002.

For more information or to make a group reservation, call Joan Kunkler or Carole Gielle at the library at ext. 6-2273.

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Visitors to Club 221 will be provided with portable CD players and a CD of the interviews. A staff member from Educational Arts, creators of the exhibit, will be on hand to answer questions.

The exhibit will be open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. daily. It is sponsored by the Vice President for Student Affairs office, Judicial Affairs, and Housing and Residential Life.

Information, contact Denise Campbell at ext. 6-6220 or dcampbel@calpoly.edu or Mary Beth Armstrong, ext. 6-2084, marmo@calpoly.edu.

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Instructional materials for K-8 grades on display

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and mathematics, agriculture, architecture, business, liberal arts and education. In addition, several broader areas of emphasis are also emerging because of their potential to attract private and public sources of funding and to train new collaborators. For example, the ONR grant will provide the campus with an Internet 2 connectivity and a potential opening to the National Science Board of Directors. "It contains photographs and a historical narrative, on that research."

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Political Science Professor Phil Petter will moderate the panel in a discussion of Islam and the geography, history and politics of Central Asia and the Middle East. The series will continue on Nov. 14 with discussion focusing on "International Politics and Terrorism" and on Nov. 28 with a look at military and intelligence issues. Those forums will be 7-9 p.m. in the Christopher Coohan Center's Pavilion.

The panel discussions are designed to provide information on topics of general interest to both the university and the local community. For more information on the seminars, contact Amy Moenreb-Sosa at ext. 6-1380 or Petter at ext. 6-6417.

Hearts Castle to be topic of talk Friday

Cal Poly alumni Victoria Kastner, Hearts Castle's regional interpretive specialist and resident author, will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the construction of the castle on Friday (Oct. 26). The lecture, "A Construction History of Hearts Castle," begins at 3 p.m. in the Business Building Rotunda (Room 213). The talk is part of a special Centennial Fall Hearts Lecture Series sponsored by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Kastner will talk about the castle's architecture and other elements detailed in her most recent book, "Hearts Castle: The Biography of a Country House."

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CPR schedule change

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Items are due to e-mail newsroom@poly.edu, faxed to ext. 6-6535, or mailed to Public Affairs, Heron Hall.

The usual deadline is 10 a.m. Wednesday for the following week's edition.

For more information, call Public Affairs at ext. 6-1511.
Performance artist Paul Zaloom to appear

Seats are available for political satirist, performance artist and puppeteer Paul Zaloom’s Nov. 3 appearance in the Christopher Cohan Center’s Pavilion. Obie Award-winner Zaloom will perform his original work, “Veltzville,” at 8 p.m. The show is a series of comic vignettes in which Zaloom animates toys, appliances, tools, and even trash in a march on convention.

He has written, designed and performed 10 full-length solo performances, including “Fruit of Zaloom,” “Creature from the Blue Zaloom” and “Sick But True.” Zaloom has received several awards, including a Village Voice Obie Award, a New York Dance & Performance Award, and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

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ASI is asking students to vote in a referendum Nov. 14-15 to increase the Student Body Association fee an average of $16.25 per quarter.

Open forums to discuss the proposed increase are planned at 11 a.m. Nov. 8 in the UU Plaza and 4 p.m. Nov. 13 in Cumnash Auditorium.

"A fee increase will ensure continuation of current ASI programs and services offered to students and faculty and staff members," said ASI President Angie Hacker. This is the first request by ASI to increase this fee in more than 31 years. If approved, fees would increase from the current $95 per year to $140 — $40 each quarter — beginning fall 2002.

The programs and services that would benefit from the fee increase include ASI Club Services, ASI Events, Poly Escapes and student government.

Technology park wins $340,000 grant

Cal Poly, through the California Central Coast Research Partnership (CRP), has been awarded a grant from the Office of Naval Research to support planning and projects related to a proposed university-affiliated applied research and advanced development park, or technology park. This academic year, $340,000 in funds from the ONR grant have been set aside to seed faculty research projects that will help further the technology park and, in particular, those that have the potential to build enduring industry partnerships.

All faculty members are eligible to apply, and any research that is relevant to the areas of focus of the technology park is potentially fundable. The focus areas have emerged by identifying areas of overlap between existing research efforts at Cal Poly and commercial interests. They span engineering, science and...