CPR returns to print, in different format

Welcome to the inaugural issue of a new and abridged version of the Cal Poly Report: the Cal Poly Report Digest.

In addition to this weekly printed version, the Public Affairs office also produces the Cal Poly Report online, which continues to carry longer articles and more feature-type stories, as well as regular campus news items.

For the full story on any article in the Digest -- plus other Cal Poly stories -- please visit the online edition at www.calpoly.edu/-communic. It can also be accessed from the Cal Poly home page (click on "C"). The online edition is posted every Wednesday during the academic year.

The deadline to submit items for either version is 10 a.m. Wednesday for the following week's edition.

Items can be e-mailed to polynews@polymail (add.calpoly.edu if needed), faxed to ext. 6-6533, or mailed to Public Affairs, Heron Hall. For more information, call ext. 6-1511.

Applicants sought to serve on GE, area committees

The General Education Program is accepting applications for the GE Committee and three area committees.

The following vacancies need to be filled for service beginning fall 2002:

• General Education Committee: College of Architecture and Environmental Design and College of Science and Mathematics (two vacancies, three-year terms).
• Area A/C Committee: Communication, Arts and Humanities (two vacancies, three-year terms, at large; do not need to be from subject area).
• Area B/F Committee: Science, Mathematics and Technology (two vacancies, three-year terms, one from subject area, one at large).
• Area D/E Committee: Social and Behavioral Sciences (two vacancies, three vacancies, one at large).

Applications are due by June 1, 2002.

Health care plan approved

The CalPERS Board of Administration recently approved a 2003 health care package that will mean lower payroll deductions for most Cal Poly employees.

Effective Jan. 1, 2003, three plans will be available in San Luis Obispo County: PERS Choice, PERS Care (both “preferred provider” plans) and Blue Shield HMO. Health Net and PacifiCare will be discontinued. Under PERS Choice and Blue Shield, monthly deductions will go down because state contributions have increased to more than offset a 25 percent increase in health insurance costs. Monthly deductions for PERS Care will increase.

Employees insured by Health Net and PacifiCare will continue coverage with those plans through Dec. 31. Those employees must change plans during the next open enrollment period, Sept. 1-Oct. 15, for the change to be effective Jan. 1.

Blue Shield currently has a “provider freeze,” preventing employees from enrolling in the plan. The company is trying to increase the number of providers in the San Luis Obispo area; however, future enrollment cannot be guaranteed at this time.

Premium rates and general information are available at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hrree/benefits/whatsnew.html.

Anxiety is focus of event

National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today (May 1) in the UU. Meet with Counseling Services staff members to learn more.
Fee waiver program designation forms due

Eligible members of unit 3 (faculty), MPP (management personnel plan), confidential, and unit 8 (police) who are participating in the employee dependent fee waiver program must re-certify transfer of their benefit entitlement to a spouse or dependent child for the upcoming 2002-2003 academic year.

Eligible MPP and confidential employees may also transfer their benefit to a registered domestic partner.

A signed dependent fee waiver designation form (HR 133C) must be submitted to Human Resources by May 17.

The dependent fee waiver form, guidelines and procedures are on the Human Resources Web site at http://www.afr.calpoly.edu/hr/fee/index.html.

For more information, call Darcy Adams at ext. 6-2472.

‘What is math?’ talk set

UC Riverside Philosophy Professor Erich Reck will explore various “conceptions of number” – from ancient Greek philosophy to modern set theory – in the next Philosophy at Poly lecture at 4:10 p.m. May 10 in Fisher Science 286.

Reck’s presentation will address the question of what mathematics is – essentially what it is about – by focusing on arithmetic.

For more information, call the Philosophy Department at ext. 6-2041.

Blood drive to be Thursday

The Student Health Advisory Council is sponsoring a blood drive Thursday (May 2). The mobile donor coach will be parked in front of Mott Gym 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, contact Bob Negranti at ext. 6-5428.

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To apply to serve on any of the committees, call Katie Tool at ext. 6-2228 for an application or go to the Faculty/Staff section of the General Education Program’s Web site at www.calpoly.edu/~acadprog/gened to download an application.

Applications are due Friday (May 3).

O’Neil reception set

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O’Neil, a member of the Mathematics Department since 1973, has coached numerous award-winning student teams for annual competitions. In recognition of those contributions, he was given the Distinguished Teaching Award for the Southern California Section of the Mathematical Association of America in 2000.

For more information, call Francesca Fairbrother at ext. 6-6535.

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The workshop, open to all faculty members, will be 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Smith Alumni and Conference Center. Registration begins at 10:30. Reservations are required by Thursday (May 2).

To make a reservation contact Carolyn Johnson at cjohnson@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-6570.

Biotech career day May 9

Representatives from several biotechnology firms will be on campus May 9 to talk about their companies and career possibilities. In addition, faculty members and students are invited to a panel presentation, “Biotechnology Jobs and How to Get Them,” 11 a.m.-noon in Fisher Science 286. Students can also meet with company representatives 2-4 p.m. in Fisher Science 286 to discuss career and internship opportunities.

For more information, call Sue Elrod at ext. 6-2875 or visit the Career Services home page at http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu.

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FUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 6-7107.) All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes)

Accounts Payable Clerk, Foundation Business Office: $11.05-16.02/hour. Closing date: Open until filled; review of applications begins March 10.

FACULTY Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information or to request an application. Additional information and qualifications for each position may also be obtained online at http://www.academic-personnel.calpoly.edu. Please submit all application materials to the department head/chair unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise specified:

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#4114: Lecturer(s), Part-Time, Speech Communication Department (ext. 6-2553). Closing date: May 25.

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Forum events will address changes in the construction industry, including developments in technology and sustainability and the effects of Sept. 11.

For more information on the schedule, fees and deadlines, look on the Web at www.calpoly.edu/~csiclub, e-mail calpoly_csi@hotmail.com or call 459-7106.

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