Moline receives presidential award

Oceanographer and Biological Sciences Associate Professor Mark Moline was among 60 young scientists and engineers from across the nation who were recognized in a recent White House ceremony for outstanding work.

Moline was recommended by NASA to receive the 2001 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the nation's highest honor for professionals at the outset of their research careers.

Because of a family medical emergency, Moline was not able to attend the Washington, D.C., ceremony, at which President George W. Bush presented the awards.

The awards, established in 1996, honor the most promising young researchers in the nation within their fields, according to a White House news release. The winners are awarded up to five years of funding to further their research in support of critical government missions.

Moline is a specialist in microscopic marine plants called phytoplankton. He has conducted numerous research projects in the Atlantic, in the Pacific, in waters surrounding Antarctica and at Rutgers University's LEO-15 observatory on the coast of New Jersey. Thanks to Moline, Cal Poly students participated in the development of LEO-15, considered the most technologically advanced coastal research site in the world.

Burt wins national award for work in irrigation

BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Professor Charles Burt, chair of the Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC), has received a national award for his work in irrigation.

Burt was awarded the 2002 Royce J. Tipton Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers, an annual honor given to a member of the society "who has made a definite contribution to the advancement of irrigation and drainage engineering."

Burt was cited for founding the ITRC and for advancements in irrigation efficiency, irrigation district modernization, and a consumer-information project called the Irrigation Consumer Bill of Rights.

As the ITRC's original director, Burt led the effort that established the unit in 1989.

Cirovic appointed

Michael Cirovic, a member of the Electrical Engineering Department since 1968, has been named chair of the department.

His one-year term runs through June 30, 2003.

Leave solicitation

Djin Ruffner, administrative support assistant in Continuing Education, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and sick leave to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended absence.

Those interested in donating leave may request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Rose Whitworth at ext. 6-2055 or by e-mail.

CSEA employees in units 2, 5, 7 and 9, Unit 4 (academic professionals), E99 (excluded), C99 (confidential), M80 (management personnel plan) and M98 (executive) may donate up to 32 hours total. All other state employees may donate up to 16 hours sick leave and/or vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more.

Memorial award established

A scholarship endowment has been established in honor of Music Professor Emeritus George Beatie, who died in 1999.

Funds from the George Clarke Beatie Memorial Award will benefit an outstanding student preparing for the field of music education. The Music Department faculty will select awardees according to standards currently being developed.

An initial grant of $1,500, plus a partial match from the Music Department, brings the award to within $1,000 of the required $3,000 goal. The scholarship endowment was created with the help of Professor and Music Department Chair Clifton Swanson and many music alumni.

"George Beatie's former students plan to support the fund," alumnus Bob Alberti said. "Friends of the university and supporters of music education are also invited to help support the award."

Beatie taught at Cal Poly from 1959 until 1994.

For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

University Police part of new nonprofit agency

Law enforcement and community leaders from Cal Poly and the Central Coast have formed the San Luis Obispo Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation (SLO LEAF), a nonprofit corporation designed to provide immediate and temporary financial assistance to local law enforcement personnel — active or retired — and their families, when needed because of death, serious injury, critical illness or other catastrophic circumstances.

University Police Officer Jennifer Estelle will be the first to receive financial assistance from SLO LEAF. In November, Estelle was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is on leave and undergoing treatment. However, her uninsured costs are expected to be $10,000. SLO LEAF and the University Police Department are working to raise the money.

For more information, visit the SLO LEAF Web site at www.sloleaf.org.
Discussion on mental illness set for noon Aug. 9

The Cultural Awareness Committee is sponsoring a noontime discussion Aug. 9 that will give the audience an opportunity to learn about mental illness from people who have been there. During "In Our Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness," individuals who have struggled with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and other severe mental illnesses will share their personal experiences.

Attendees should bring their own lunch to Room 241 of the Erhart Agriculture Building. For more information, contact Bonnie Krupp at ext. 6-5406 or Chris Parker-Kennedy at ext. 6-1399.  

Obituaries

James Aiken, 59  
James Aiken, former director of health and counseling services, died July 20 at his home in San Luis Obispo. Before coming to Cal Poly in 1976, he worked in psychological services at the University of Texas and served as coordinator of counseling services at UC Santa Cruz. He retired from Cal Poly in 2000.

Richard Hall, 85  
Richard "Dick" Hall, engineering technology professor emeritus, died June 29. Hall began teaching at Cal Poly in 1947; following a six-year stint working at McClelland Field. He retired from Cal Poly in 1977. 

Alumni Association presents Jazz Night at the fair

The Cal Poly Alumni Association is presenting Jazz Night at the Mid-State Fair Aug. 2 featuring Boz Scaggs in concert. The event is designed for alumni, faculty and staff members, parents and friends of Cal Poly.

Appetizers and wine will be served 6:30-7:30 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:30. Reserved seating will be in the "Golden Circle" section.

Tickets are $50 each for Alumni Association members and $55 for non-members. (Price does not include admission to the fair.) Reservations are needed and are due today (July 31). Call ext. 6-2586 to reserve space.

For concert details, visit www.midstatefair.com. 

Position Vacancies

STATE: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at least two weeks prior to closing dates on Cal Poly's Web site at www.calpoly.edu. (Select "Employment" from the Cal Poly links drop-down box.) As a courtesy to our on-campus employees, job vacancies also are published in the Cal Poly Report. Positions marked with an asterisk indicate that qualified on-campus applicants in bargaining units 2, 5, 7 and 9 will be given first consideration. Job applications must be received in Human Resources, Adm. 110, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.


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

Manager, Cal Poly Books, El Corral, $33,165-$48,119/year. Closing date: Open until filled; review of applications begins Aug. 16.

Clerk/Cashier, Cal Poly Books, El Corral, $11.05-$16.02/hour. Closing date: Open until filled.

Recreation Center fees to increase fall quarter

Recreation Center membership fees will increase from $45 to $50 a quarter beginning fall quarter. Annual memberships, payable during fall quarter only, will increase to $180 a year. The new fee for those who pay by payroll deduction will be $40 a quarter, or $13.34 a month for one member, $26.68 a month for a member and a spouse.

New members can sign up for fall quarter beginning Sept. 9. Access to the center for new members will start Sept. 16.

Renewing members must complete a new membership form and waiver. No membership sign-ups will be taken without the proper Cal Poly faculty/staff I.D. card. Access will not be activated until all the paperwork is completed.

Also beginning Sept. 9, payroll deduction members will need to complete a new Deduction Authorization Form. Access will not be activated until the forms have been completed.

For more information call Val Lorton or Catherine Cramp at ext. 6-1366. 

CPR summer schedule

Remaining summer issues of the Cal Poly Report Digest and the Cal Poly Report online will be out Aug. 14 and 28. Visit the online version at www.calpoly.edu/new.