Funds available for faculty development

The Faculty Development Program provides an opportunity for probationary faculty members to receive funding for research and other scholarly activities, with the ultimate goal of helping them achieve tenure and promotion.

Awards are made on a competitive basis for mini-research grants and travel to professional conferences, as well as for funds to hire temporary replacement faculty members for assigned-time awards. This year’s allocation is $41,499.

The deadline to submit applications is Nov. 9. Guidelines and applications were sent to campus departments in September. For a copy or more information, contact Joe Grimes, special assistant to the provost for faculty development, at ext. 6-2088.

Bromstad appointed

Philosophy Professor Linda Bromstad has been appointed chair of the department for winter and spring quarters. She has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1994.

Fingerprinting technology upgraded on campus

This past summer the University Police Department received a grant from the California Department of Justice for a Live Scan fingerprinting system.

With Live Scan, fingerprints are digitized and sent electronically to the California Department of Justice. The agency processes the prints and, in a matter of days, sends an electronic response to the requesting department.

The new technology replaces the recording of fingerprints using ink and a fingerprint card, which can take up to six weeks for a response.

The University Police Department offers Live Scan service to the campus community and the public by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment, call Terri Mills at ext. 6-6663.

Professor Emeritus Sabol wins award of distinction

UC Davis’ College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has named Professor Emeritus Joe Sabol one of nine leaders in research, teaching and outreach to receive a 2002 Award of Distinction, the college’s highest honor.

The award is presented to individuals whose contributions and achievements enrich the image of the college and enhance its ability to provide public service.

Sabol, who taught in the Agricultural Education and Communication Department and served as director of outreach for the College of Agriculture, was recognized for his creative and positive approach and his dedication to students.

He was cited for being “instrumental in establishing a nationwide agricultural ambassador program that has generated student interest in agriculture on many campuses.”

Bandfest set for Nov. 16

Almost 200 musicians will gather in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center on Nov. 16 to present Bandfest 2002, an “evening of entertainment, a wind instrument spectacular,” according to Music Professor Bill Johnson.

The 8 p.m. concert will include the 100 members of the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra performing such songs as James Curnow’s “Centennial Spirit,” the Irish legend melodies of Rolf Rudin’s “Dream of Oenghus” and Eric Whitacre’s “Noisy Wheels of Joy.”

The 90 members of the Mustang Marching Band will play sounds of “007” – James Bond – and some “hot” Latin numbers, Johnson said.

The concert will conclude with Frank Ticheli’s “American Elegy” and Stephen Melillo’s “Time to Take Back the Knights,” a “showpiece that will touch the heart,” said Johnson, conductor of the Wind Orchestra.

Tickets are $7 to $15. The performance is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and ASI. For more information, call ext. 6-2607.
Poet Bob Hicok to read

Award-winning poet Bob Hicok will read from his work on Nov. 15 as part of the WriterSpeak series and in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo County Poetry Festival.

The event will be at 7 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center. Hicok’s poetry has appeared in such magazines as The New Yorker, Ploughshares and Poetry, as well as appearing in the Best American Poetry and Pushcart anthologies. He is the author of three collections of poems, including “The Legend of Light,” which won the 1995 Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry and was an American Library Association Booklist Notable Book of the Year.

Hicok is by trade an automotive die designer living in Ann Arbor, Mich. Admission is $3 for the public and $2 for students and senior citizens. For more information on the reading, contact Adam Hill of the English Department faculty at ext. 6-1622 or ahill@calpoly.edu.

Three fall reviews set for 'Books at High Noon'

This fall’s “Books at High Noon” series will feature three reviews. All will be presented Tuesdays in Room 510 of the library. Light refreshments will be provided by the College of Liberal Arts. The hungry should bring their own “brown-bag” lunch.

• Tuesday (Nov. 5) – “Deep in a Dream: The Long Night of Chet Baker” by James Gavin. Reviewer: Mary Kay Hanington, English Department.
• Nov. 12 – “American Pastoral” by Philip Roth. Reviewer: Jim Cushing, English Department.
• Nov. 19 – “Pacific High: Adventures in the Coast Ranges from Baja to Alaska” by Tim Palmer. The author will discuss his book.

For more information contact Phil Fetzer at ext. 6-5717 or pfetzer@calpoly.edu.

Athletics holding raffle

Intercollegiate Athletics is selling raffle tickets to win a 2003 Ford Mustang as a fund-raiser for the Cal Poly student-athlete scholarship fund. Tickets are $100 each. The drawing will be at halftime of the Nov. 23 football game against Weber State.

Only 999 tickets will be sold. Call ext. 6-2255 to buy a ticket. For more information, visit www.gopoly.com.

Cal Poly Women’s Club awards scholarships

The Cal Poly Women’s Club, an organization of retired and active members of the university’s faculty and staff, has awarded three students $500 scholarships.

The Women’s Club also donated nearly $600 to help a Cal Poly student-parent pay for child-care fees at the Orfalea Family and Associated Students Inc. Children’s Center.

The scholarship recipients are Tarrah Graves, a journalism freshman, Elizabeth Kenyon, an architectural engineering sophomore, and Tyler Knuckles, a graphic communication freshman.

In vitro, cloning to be explored in talk Nov. 6

Helen Béguaert Holmes, coordinator of the research archive at the Center for Genetics, Ethics and Women in Amherst, Mass., will present “Reproductive Technology: A Women-Centered Analysis” Nov. 6.

Holmes’ talk, at 7 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center, will explore issues that arise when technologies are used to abort and foster childbearing. Holmes will analyze unexamined assumptions and priorities, technological imperatives, power relationships and the profit orientation of such technology-aided procedures as in vitro fertilization, donor eggs and sperm, contract motherhood and cloning.

According to Holmes, those technologies can lead to some “slippery slopes,” especially the temptation to design children.

For more information, contact Women’s Studies at ext. 6-1525, by e-mail to womst@polymail.calpoly.edu or online at www.calpoly.edu/womst.

Jazz Band to ‘swing’

The Cal Poly University Jazz Band No. 1 will perform swing-era tunes to dance to at 8 p.m. Nov. 9 in Chumash Auditorium. Free swing dance lessons will be given at 7 p.m.

The band will perform authentic big-band classics, suitable for dancing or listening, according to director Paul Rinzler. The band has been performing swing dance concerts for several years and recently performed concerts at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, one of the biggest traditional jazz and big-band festivals in the world.

Admission is $7 for the public and $5 for students. For more information, call Rinzler at ext. 6-5792.

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.


#489, Police Officer (re-advertisement), two positions, University Police, Administration and Finance, $3,301-$4,549/month. Closing date: Open until filled. Application review began Oct. 18.


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 stated.

#4610: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Art and Design Department (clay/sculpture artist), ext. 6-1149. Closing date: Jan. 18.

Cal Poly Report schedule

Please note that the deadline to submit items for two upcoming issues of the Cal Poly Report Digest and the Cal Poly Report online are being changed because the campus will be closed for Veterans’ Day and Thanksgiving. Items for the Nov. 13 issue are due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5. Articles for the Dec. 4 issue are due by 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25.

The usual deadline is 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before publication.

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

Ticket information

Tickets to the performances listed in today’s Cal Poly Report are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Call ext. 6-2787.