**Nominations sought for Faculty Advisor Award**

Cal Poly recognizes the significant contribution that academic advising has on student success with an annual award. The Faculty Advisor Award recipient receives $500, and his or her name is displayed on a perpetual plaque in the library. Nominations criteria and forms are available in Adm. 316 and on the Web at http://www.academics.calpoly.edu/advising/award.htm.

Nominations are due to Academic Programs, Adm. 316, by Feb. 21. For more information, call ext. 6-2227.

**Professor awarded grant; seeks study participants**

Psychology Professor Gary Laver was awarded a $100,000 grant to conduct studies on age-related changes in memory, and he is seeking volunteers between the ages of 40 and 80 to help with his research. A small stipend will be paid to participants.

The Academic Research Enhancement Award, from the National Institute on Aging, will be used to conduct experiments in the area of adult age-related changes in memory processes that operate without a person's conscious awareness, Laver said.

Anyone 40 to 80 who is interested in being a part of the research project on memory and vocabulary skills should contact Laver in the Psychology and Child Development Department. Participants earn $15 for two, 1 1/2-hour sessions. Call Laver at ext. 6-5411 to arrange an appointment.

**Design contest under way for Cal Poly Rose Float**

The Cal Poly Rose Float Program is holding a contest to gather design ideas for the university's 2004 Rose Parade float. The contest is open to all, and the winning designer will receive two tickets to the 2004 Rose Bowl New Year's Day in Pasadena.

The theme for the 2004 Rose Parade will be "Music." Float concepts may be submitted as a written idea or sketched design and should include the name, phone number and e-mail address of the person entering the concept, written on the back of the entry. The maximum entry size is 18 x 24 inches. Entries are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 7 to the Cal Poly Rose Float Program, Attn: Concept Contest, UU Epicenter. All entries become the property of the Cal Poly Rose Float Program.

More information is available on the Web at www.asi.calpoly.edu/rosefloat.

**Attorney to discuss immigration regulations**

Immigration attorney Adam Green will present an overview of immigration regulations concerning work authorization at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

He will discuss the H1 work authorization visa and the TN work authorization visa for citizens of other NAFTA member countries (Canada and Mexico), and the PR, or permanent resident, Green Card visa.

Green will also answer questions from the audience after his presentation.

For more information, call Lee Perkins at ext. 6-1477 or Barbara Andra at ext. 6-5837 in the International Education and Programs office.

**Financial Aid deadline for students is March 2**

The Financial Aid office asks the faculty and staff to please let students know that the Cal Poly Scholarship and priority Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. Questions may be directed to ext. 6-2927.

**Web address corrected**

An incorrect Web address was listed for the Department of Personnel Administration in a Jan. 22 Cal Poly Report Digest article on increased limits for retirement plans. The correct address is www.dpa.ca.gov.
Web services available

Campus departments and organizations can now contract for Web development and hosting services on campus with Foundation Web Services.

Foundation Web Services can design, develop and maintain a site and offers a variety of site-hosting packages. Services are billed on an hourly basis.

For more information, call Dustin DeBrum at ext. 6-6477, e-mail him at ddebrum@calpoly.edu or go online to http://www.fswebserve.com.

Middle East series to look at Zionism, Israeli policy

The myths and realities of Zionism and the policy options facing Israel will be explored in talks at 6 p.m. Monday (Feb. 3) in Chumash Auditorium as part of a series on the crisis in the Middle East.

Hagit Borer, chair of the Department of Linguistics at USC, will talk on "Zionism: Myths and the Reality."

Paul Berrin, political advisor to the consul general at the Consulate of Israel in Los Angeles, will present "Policy Options Facing the New Israeli Government."

The talks on the Middle East are offered as part of a history course taught by Professor Manzar Foroohar. The forums continue Feb. 10, 17, 24 and March 10.

For more information, contact Foroohar at ext. 6-2068 or mforooha@calpoly.edu.

Business plan finalists to give oral presentations

The finalists in the Orfalea College of Business's Ray Scherr Business Plan Competition will give their presentations 1-5 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Founders' Lounge of the Performing Arts Center.

Five student-faculty teams will compete for cash awards totaling $7,000. The presentations are the final part of the competition, which includes a business concept paper and a written business plan.

The competition is designed to educate students about the process of new venture creation and build bridges between Cal Poly and the entrepreneurial community, according to Business Professor Bill Pendergast.

The presentations and an award reception, at 5:30 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center lobby, are open to the public.

For more information, contact Pendergast at ext. 6-2730 or wpender@calpoly.edu.

Hearst lecture series set

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design's 2003 Hearst Lecture Series continues Monday (Feb. 3) with a talk by filmmaker Chuck Shultz.

Shultz will present "Film: The Rural Studio" at 7:10 p.m. in the Business Building Rotunda (Room 213). The film spotlights the work of Samuel Mockbee and his design-build work in the rural South.

The theme for the 2003 Hearst Lecture Series is "Several Afternoons in Winter." Other lectures will be held Feb. 7, 14, 28 and March 7 in the Rotunda.

Koran, Jesus' resurrection to be discussed Friday

In two separate talks Friday (Jan. 31), internationally known British atheist philosopher Antony Flew will compare the New Testament and the Koran and debate American theologian Gary Habermas on whether Jesus rose from the dead.

At 2 p.m. Flew will talk on "The New Testament and the Koran: A Comparison" in Chumash Auditorium.

At 8 p.m. Flew and Habermas will present "Jesus' Resurrection: Atheist and Theist Dialogue," also in Chumash.

For more information, call the Philosophy Department at ext. 6-2041 or look online at www.veritasforum.com.

Construction Sciences Forum set for Thursday-Friday

Cal Poly's 5th Annual Construction Sciences Forum will be held Thursday-Friday (Jan. 30-31).

All events take place in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Building Gallery (Room 105). Except for a barbecue, admission is free.

Peter W.T. Wong, principal of design at EID2 International, Architects & Planners, will open the forum at 6 p.m. Thursday with a talk on "Learning From Structural Failures." A Construction Sciences Forum Product Show will be held noon-4 p.m. Friday.

On Friday at 6 p.m. a deep-pit barbecue will be followed by a 7:30 roundtable discussion. Professionals from different disciplines will address questions from the audience. Tickets for the dinner, available at the door, are $15 for professionals and $5 for students.

For more information, call 234-4679.

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 off-campus employees, job vacancies are also posted 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, Advis. 110, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.

#550-Pharmacist-in-Charge (Pharmacist),* Health Services, Student Affairs, $5,008-$6,639. Closing date: Friday (Jan. 31).

#551-Administrative Support Assistant I,* College of Architecture & Environmental Design, Dean's Office, $1,895-$2,746. Closing date: Feb. 7.

Cal Poly Report schedule

The Cal Poly Report Digest and the Cal Poly Report online appear every Wednesday during the academic year. The online version can be seen at www.calpoly.edu/~communic. Articles for both Reports are due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before publication. Articles can be e-mailed to polynews@calpoly.edu or faxed to ext. 6-6533. For more information, call ext. 6-1511.

Engineering failures to be focus of forum

Three noted structural engineers will share their experiences and insights into engineering failures at the 13th Annual Structural Forum on Saturday (Feb. 1).

"Learning From Structural Failures" is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Rotunda (Room 213) of the Business Building.

Presentations begin at 9:30 a.m. with Chris Poland's talk on "How Failures Have Influenced Today's Building Codes and Standards." Poland is chairman, president and CEO of Degenkolb Engineers, a structural engineering firm specializing in earthquake engineering.

Mete Sozen from Purdue University will talk on "Analysis in Denial" at 10:45 a.m. Sozen has documented and analyzed damage caused by almost every major earthquake in the past 40 years.

At 2 p.m., Robert Iding, an engineer with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, will present "Fire Aspects of the World Trade Center Collapse."

For more information, see the Architectural Engineering Web site, www.ace.calpoly.edu, or call ext. 6-1314.