**Public Affairs director named**

Leah Kolt, formerly with the Colorado School of Mines, has been named director of public affairs. She will supervise internal and external communications and community relations efforts, as well as publications and the Cal Poly news Web site, www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu.

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**Deadline approaching for summer grant program**

The deadline to apply for the University Services Summer Grant Program is 5 p.m. April 4. Applications are due to the Center for Teaching and Learning, Room 510 of the library.

The grant program is intended to help probationary faculty members with teaching, research and other scholarly activities in order to improve their opportunity for promotion and tenure.

For more information, go to the Center for Teaching and Learning Web page, http://academics.calpoly.edu/ctl, or contact Joe Grimes at ext. 6-2088 or jgrimes@calpoly.edu.

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**10th annual Al Smith Day planned for April 13**

The College of Agriculture is hosting the 10th Annual Al Smith Day April 13 at its Swanton Pacific Ranch near Santa Cruz.

The all-day event includes train rides, tours of the ranch’s railroad roundhouse and barn, ranch tours, and a barbecue lunch.

If reserved before April 4, tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for children 8 and younger. After April 4, reservations will be $25 for adults and $15 for children. Tickets include the Santa Maria-style barbecue and train rides. A chartered Silverado Stages bus will make the round trip from San Luis Obispo to Swanton Pacific Ranch. The cost for the transportation, lunch and train rides at the ranch is $48.

For information and reservations, e-mail E.J. Carnegie in the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department at ecarnegie@calpoly.edu.

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**Cal Poly looking to build housing for 2,700 students**

On Tuesday (March 11) the CSU board of trustees was to consider giving conceptual approval to a public-private partnership to develop a 2,700-bed apartment-style student housing complex on the Cal Poly campus, to be phased in during the next three years.

Under the proposal, Capstone Development Corp. would finance, develop and build the student housing project. Upon completion of the project and acceptance by Cal Poly, the CSU would issue bonds to buy the project from Capstone. The bonds would be repaid through revenues generated by rent paid by students living in the new housing, explained Larry Kelley, vice president for administration and finance.

Cal Poly would manage the complex as part of its student housing operations, Kelley said.

To offset the loss of agricultural land used for the housing project, Capstone is also proposing to transfer ownership of 1,254 acres of prime agricultural land in the Edna Valley to the university — including established commercial vineyards, grazing land and equestrian facilities.

For more details about the Capstone proposal for Cal Poly, go to http://www.capstonecompanies.com/about_capstonewest.asp.

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**Freeman reception today**

A reception will be held today from noon to 2 p.m. for Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Professor H. JoAnne Freeman, who is retiring at the end of winter quarter. The reception will be in the lobby of the Advanced Technology Laboratories. Freeman joined the faculty in 1974 and served as chair of the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department from 1991 to 1997.
Course to be offered on effective teaching, learning

The Center for Teaching and Learning will offer an Effective Teaching and Learning course from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursdays during spring quarter.

The course, which begins April 3, is designed to provide faculty members, instructional staff members and graduate teaching associates with the knowledge and skills to enhance their effectiveness as teachers and to promote student learning.

Advance registration is required. To register, contact Ann Wilenius at ext. 6-7002 or awileniu@calpoly.edu. For more information, go to the Center for Teaching and Learning Web page at http://academics.calpoly.edu or contact Joe Grimes at ext. 6-2088 or jgrimes@calpoly.edu.

Foundation board to meet

The Foundation board of directors will hold a regular, public meeting at 8:30 a.m. Friday (March 14) in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. For more information or a copy of the meeting agenda, call Foundation Executive Director Frank Mumford at ext. 6-1131.

Openings available at Children's Center

The Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center has openings for spring quarter for 4- to 6-year-olds. Call ext. 6-1267 for more information.

CPR schedule

The final winter quarter Cal Poly Report Digest and Cal Poly Report online will be March 19.

The deadline to submit items for that issue is 10 a.m. today (March 12).

The Cal Poly Report is not published during quarter break. The first spring quarter issue will be April 2.

The deadline for that edition is 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 25 - one day earlier than usual because the campus will be closed in observance of Cesar Chavez’ birthday on March 31.

Generally, items are due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before publication. Items can be e-mailed to polynews@polymail, faxed to ext. 6-6533, or mailed to Public Affairs, Heron Hall. For more information, call ext. 6-1511.

Scholarship nominations now being accepted

The Women's Studies Program is accepting letters of nomination through March 20 for four scholarships: the James M. Duenow Scholarship for $300; the Robert S. Harmon Scholarship, $300; the L. Diane Ryan Scholarship, $400; and the Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship, $1,500.

For more information, please refer to the March 12 Cal Poly Report online at http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/cpreport/reportindex.html or contact Andrea Nash at ext. 6-1525 or anash@calpoly.edu.

Library moves Periodicals; seeks opinions online

The Kennedy Library’s Current Periodicals collection has been relocated from the second floor to the first floor into the former Reserve Room area. The area has been expanded to include the collection in an open, "browseable" environment arranged alphabetically (it was formerly arranged by subject) and now accessible during extended hours.

In addition, the collection of course reserve material has been relocated into the same area and also is available during extended hours.

To help improve service, the library asks staff and faculty members to complete a short survey on periodical use at http://www.lib.calpoly.edu/periodicals_survey/.

The library is also continuing to survey its users about hours of access to the main library and reading room and asks the campus to complete a second short survey at http://www.lib.calpoly.edu/survey/.

For more information, call Library Assistant Dean Navjit Brar at ext. 6-2631.

Cal Poly meats on sale

The Cal Poly Meats Lab is selling sides of pork and beef - all cut, vacuum-packed and boxed. The lab also sells various beef packs, including approximately 35 pounds of assorted cuts and ground beef, 8-pound boxes of ¼-pound ground-beef patties, and 1- to 2-pound bags of ground beef.

Linguica, stuffed and smoked, is also available in 5-pound or 1-pound packs. All meat products are prepared by students as part of the meat science and processing instructional program. For more information or to place an order, call Shane Osterthaler at ext. 6-2114.

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.

#559-Coordinator of Student Development (Student Services Professional II), Student Affairs, Housing and Residential Life, nine positions available, temporary through June 18, 2004, $3,173-$4,278/month. Closing date: March 28.

#259-Learning Community Coordinator (Student Services Professional III), Student Affairs, Housing and Residential Life, two positions available, $3,457-$4,672/month. Closing date: April 4.

#561-Administrative Assistant (Administrative Support Assistant II),* Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, half-time position, $1,136.50-$1,704.50/month. Closing date: March 21.

#563-Staff Writer and Photographer (Public Affairs/Communications Specialist I),* College of Engineering, College Relations, half-time position, $1,308.50-$1,962/month. Closing date: March 21.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. is accepting applications for the following position. Complete position descriptions and applications are available at the ASI Business Office, UU 212, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F, or call ext. 6-5800. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. of the listed closing date. AA/EOE.

University Union Program Coordinator, salary range $43,926-$50,328/year, plus excellent benefits. Closing date: April 11; tentative start date: July 1.

Cal Poly, county to offer workshop on future

Cal Poly students and local government and environmental officials will hold a public forum in the San Luis Obispo Veterans’ Memorial Building today (March 12) to discuss “San Luis Obispo in 2025: A Vision for the Future.”

The event runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will begin with an hour of presentations showcasing various visions for the future of San Luis Obispo and the surrounding area, followed by an hour for questions and answers.

The event is being sponsored by the Cal Poly Political Science Honor Society in association with the Political Science Department.

For more information contact Political Science Honor Society member Zachariah Schwarzbach at mzuzachl3@msn.com.

The San Luis Obispo Veterans’ Memorial Building is at 801 Grand Ave. in San Luis Obispo.