Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaperman to head Journalism

George Ramos, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist with the Los Angeles Times, has been selected chair of the Journalism Department for a three-year term beginning fall quarter.

Ramos has been with the Los Angeles Times since 1978, serving as reporter, editor, bureau chief and columnist. He reports on a variety of general-interest stories in a host of Southern California communities.

As chair, he will lead up to seven faculty members, three staff members and about 220 student majors. He will also be responsible for developing several areas of the journalism curriculum, including print media, television, radio and public relations.

Ramos, a 1969 Cal Poly journalism graduate, chaired the Journalism Department Advisory Board from 1993 until 2002.

Ramos succeeds Nishan Havandjian, who has served as chair of the Journalism Department for 15 years and will return to full-time teaching.

For more on this story, please see the May 7 Cal Poly Report online at http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/cpreport/reportindex.html.

Staff evaluation cycle begins in May

Human Resources reminds campus departments that the annual performance evaluation process for staff employees begins in May. Permanent staff employees and temporary employees who worked during fiscal year 2002-2003 should be evaluated.

Probationary employees are not part of the annual cycle. They are evaluated according to their probationary cycle.

During the month of May, employees are encouraged to complete a self-evaluation (HR form 138a). During the month of June, supervisors should finalize evaluations and forward them to the appropriate program manager. Finalized evaluations, with a final employee signature, are due to Human Resources by July 25.

Employees represented by Academic Professionals of California are evaluated using the Unit IV Performance Evaluation (HR form 140). The Staff Performance Appraisal (HR form 138) is to be used for all other represented and “confidential” staff employees. Forms and guidelines are available in Human Resources, ext. 6-2236 or on the Web at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/true/forms/index.html.

Detailed information on the annual performance evaluation cycle has been distributed to all managers and department chairs. Questions should be directed to the appropriate manager or department chair or Gwen Chavarria in Human Resources via e-mail or at ext. 6-5426.

Next Student Housing North workshop set for May 15

The campus community is invited to share its views on the new Student Housing North project at a workshop from 4:30 to 6 p.m. May 15 in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

This is the second of two workshops that will focus on the project's form and function. This meeting will focus on the spatial connections with the greater campus community. The first of the series focused on the built form.

The workshop will begin with an overview of the Capstone partnership in the context of the university’s Master Plan. Preliminary conceptual site plans and landscape plans will be shown, and a discussion will follow.

Earlier workshops focused on the environmental setting of the project and Brizzolara Creek, on auxiliaries and services, and on residential living aspects of Student Housing North.

For more information regarding Student Housing North, see the Facilities Planning Web site: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/.

Yvonne Dengler, 71

Yvonne Dengler, former department secretary in the Theatre and Dance Department, died April 18 in Seattle, Wash. She worked at Cal Poly from 1967 until 1991.
Dependent fee-waiver forms due soon to HR

Eligible employees who are participating in the employee dependent fee-waiver program must re-certify transfer of their benefit entitlement to their spouse, dependent child or registered domestic partner (if allowed) for the 2003-2004 academic year.

A signed dependent fee-waiver designation form (HR 133C) is due to Human Resources by May 23. The dependent fee-waiver form, guidelines and procedures are available on the Human Resources Web site at http://www.aqd.calpoly.edu/hrre/index.html.

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

Anxiety disorders to be focus of event today

The faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to learn about the signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders and to participate in free, confidential screenings as part of National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day today (May 7).

Representatives from Counseling Services will be in the UU Plaza from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. distributing materials and administering a confidential screening test for anxiety disorders. After completing the questionnaire, participants will be given an opportunity to talk privately with a Counseling Services staff member.

For more information, contact Counseling Services at ext. 6-2511.

DeCosta to talk on surviving ‘turbulent times’

Jean DeCosta, director of the Office of Campus Relations, will present “Seeking Safe Passage Through Turbulent Times” at noon May 14 in UU 220. DeCosta’s talk will focus on tools for managing change and developing strategies for surviving turbulent times.

The talk is part of Campus Relations’ spring quarter Learn-at-Lunch series. For more information, call Campus Relations at ext. 6-6770 or e-mail lcofer@calpoly.edu.

‘Eleemosynary’ to open

Theatre and Dance will stage eight performances of the prize-winning play “Eleemosynary” beginning May 15. Read more in the May 7 Cal Poly Report online at http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/cpreport/reportindex.html.

Biotech Industry Career Day scheduled

Representatives from nine biotechnology firms will be on campus Thursday (May 8) to give students and faculty members an opportunity to learn about their companies and career possibilities.

Representatives from Amgen, Baxter BioScience, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Pfiomed, IDEC Pharmaceuticals, Promega Biosciences, Roche Palo Alto, Santa Cruz Biotechnology and Theravance are expected to attend.

Faculty members and students are invited to a panel presentation on “Biotechnology Jobs and How To Get Them” from 11 a.m. to noon in Fisher Science 286.

An informal reception is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. so students can meet with company representatives to discuss career and internship opportunities. The reception will be in the Fisher Science Conference Room (Room 285).

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

Student Housing North discussed in ‘Outlook’

The latest edition of “Outlook” is now available online, featuring the latest details from Cal Poly administrators about the proposed 2,700-bed campus student housing project. “Student Housing North has the potential to transform the campus through the creation of a new community that connects residential living with teaching and learning in a way that builds on Cal Poly’s distinctive mission,” writes President Baker. Read the latest “Outlook” at http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/outlook/shn-outlook.html.

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 versions 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.

Position Vacancies

STATE The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on Cal Poly’s online employment system, www.calpolyjobs.org. As a courtesy to on-campus employees, job vacancies are also 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. To apply, go to www.calpolyjobs.org and complete the online application. Applicants seeking computer/Internet access and/or assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236 for information on available resources.

#100029-Athletic Training Intern (Helper/Aid), two positions, Academic Affairs, Athletics, part-time, temporary position through June 30, 2004, $4.75-$5.13/hour. Closing date: May 22.
#100031-Multicultural Program Specialist (Student Services Professional II), Student Affairs, Life and Leadership, $3,173-$4,274/month. Closing date: Friday (May 9).
#100044-Manager of Custodial Services (Administrative I), Student Affairs, Housing and Business Services, $32,000-$35,400/year. Closing date: Open until filled; review of applications begins Friday (May 9).

FACULTY Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply to any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience and (time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

#100008: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Computer Science (ext. 6-7183). Closing date: May 30.
#100010: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Architecture (ext. 6-1316). Closing date: May 19.
#100011: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Landscape Architecture (ext. 6-1319). Closing date: May 24.
#100012: Full-Time Lecturer, Computer Science (ext. 6-7183). Closing date: May 30.
#100014: Tenure-Track, Full-Time, Equine Reproductive Physiologist, Animal Science (ext. 6-1241). Closing date: June 15.
#100015: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Mechanical Engineering (ext. 6-5585). Closing date: July 1.
#100027: Full-Time Lecturer, Animal Science (ext. 6-1241). Closing date: May 30.
#100029: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, City & Regional Planning (ext. 6-1255). Closing date: May 30.
#100030: Tenure-Track, Full-Time, Meat Scientist, Animal Science (ext. 6-1241). Closing date: June 15.
#100047: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Statistics (ext. 6-2026). Closing date: May 24.
#100052: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Construction Mgmt. (ext. 6-5118). Closing date: May 31.
#100059: Tenure-Track, Full-Time, Assistant Dean for Informational & Instructional Services (Librarian 12-month), Library (ext. 6-5785). Closing date: June 30.
#100061: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Physics (ext. 6-1752). Closing date: May 23.
#100062: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Biological Sciences (ext. 6-5241). Closing date: May 19.
#100065: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Philosophy (ext. 6-2330). Closing date: May 24.
#100066: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Religious Studies, Philosophy (ext. 6-2330). Closing date: May 23.