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ORCHESIS DANCE CONCERTS CONTINUE FEB. 5-7

Orchesis Dance Company continues performances of "Impact," the company's 39th annual concert, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 5-7 at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. For more information, visit <http://orchesis.calpoly.edu/lhcurrentpro.html> and http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/December/Orchesis.html.

NSF AND RESEARCH ETHICS: A NEW REQUIREMENT

The Philosophy Department is launching its Technology and Ethics Lecture Series with a practical talk about a new research-ethics training requirement. Mandated by the America COMPETES Act, this requirement affects all researchers seeking funding from the National Science Foundation. Tom Powers of the University of Delaware will talk about related challenges, including compliance. The talk is open to the public and will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, from 12-1 p.m. in the Fisher Science Building, Room 286. For more information, visit <http://ethics.calpoly.edu> or email Patrick Lin at palin@calpoly.edu.

ROSE FLOAT DESIGN CONTEST ENTRIES DUE FEB. 6

The Rose Float Program is holding a concept contest to gather design ideas for its 2010 Rose Parade float entry. The theme of the next Tournament of Roses Parade is "2010: A Cut Above the Rest." The concept contest is open to everyone and the winning entry will be used for the 2010 Cal Poly float. The contest winner will receive \$1,000, or two tickets to the 2010 Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena and four tickets to the Rose Parade.

In the event of multiple winners, the cash value will be split equally. Concepts must be submitted as a sketched design, and should include the name, phone number and e-mail address of the person entering the concept, written neatly on the back of the entry. Entries with identifying marks on the front cannot be accepted. The maximum entry size is 18 x 24 inches. Entries are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, and should be submitted to the University Union Epicenter. All entries become the property of the Cal Poly Rose Float Program and will not be returned. For more information, call ext. 6-1182 or visit www.asi.calpoly.edu/rosefloat.

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SET FOR FEB. 7

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting, which is open to the public, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Bonderson Projects Center building. For more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call Sandra Ogren at ext. 6-1445.

NOMINATIONS FOR STUDENT EMPLOYEE AWARD DUE FEB. 10

Faculty and staff can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's 2008-2009 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year award. Nominees must have completed at least six months part-time student employment during the academic year June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. Eligible candidates include State, ASI and Corporation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students.

The winner of the state competition will receive a plaque and small cash award. The regional competition winner will receive a plaque, \$100 and be eligible for the National Student Employee of the Year competition. The national winner will be named during National Student Employment Week in April. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/payroll/forms.asp?form=20> and are due to Luann McDonald, Financial Aid, by Tuesday, Feb. 10.

FACULTY, STAFF INVITED TO LEAP LUNCHEON FEB. 11

The Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) group invites faculty and staff to a luncheon on Feb. 11 in the PAC Lobby from noon-1:30 p.m. LEAP has invited Patrick Hayashi to be the keynote speaker. Hayashi was the University of California's associate president and political strategist. He helped establish Berkeley's Asian-American studies

program in the '60s and led post-affirmative action strategies to move the UC campuses away from selecting students based on grade-and-test-score formulas (SAT/PSAT) toward a broader, individualized review.

Hayashi battled the National Merit program as a "fake definition of merit" of gateway exams which negatively impacted Asians and other groups in admissions. He will reflect on his career and share his life experiences as an Asian-Pacific American in higher education. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Martin Shibata, director, Career Services, at mshibata@calpoly.edu.

CAMPUS DINING AND BOOKSTORE DISCOUNTS OFFERED FEB. 11

Join El Corral Bookstore and Campus Dining for specials and a storewide 30 percent off sale Feb. 11 from 5-8 p.m. They are having their annual PJ Party for faculty, staff and students. Come in your pajamas to dinner at Metro 19 and Backstage Pizza, and shop at El Corral Bookstore to receive 30 percent off on all Cal Poly clothing and gifts, Valentine's Day gifts, student supplies and much more.

SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS DUE FEB. 17

The Women's and Gender Studies Department announces seven scholarship opportunities for students at Cal Poly: Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship, James M. Duenow Scholarship, Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship, Steve Harmon Scholarship, L. Diane Ryan Scholarship, Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality, and the Dr. Shirley H. Walker Scholarship. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Feb. 17. Graduate students are also eligible. For scholarship criteria information, visit <http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/scholarships.html> or contact Andrea Nash at anash@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1525.

NEW REPORT: MILITARY ROBOTS, ETHICS AND RISK

The Ethics + Emerging Technologies Group has publicly released its report on risk and ethics related to autonomous military robots, as funded by the Department of Navy, Office of Naval Research. The report addresses a range of issues, including current and predicted states of robotics, different programming approaches (top-down, bottom-up, etc.), just-war challenges, legal responsibility, and other ethical concerns from accidental deaths to proliferation to robot rights. To access the report, visit <http://ethics.calpoly.edu> or email Patrick Lin at palin@calpoly.edu.

ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMP SET FOR JULY 6-10

Applications are now being accepted for Engineering Possibilities in College (EPIC), the College of Engineering summer camp for high school students. Renamed EPIC, the camp will run July 6-10. Visit <http://epic.calpoly.edu/> for more information and to register your high school student. Space is limited to 140 students so encourage everyone to apply early.

CATASTROPHIC LEAVE DRIVE FOR SUSAN TONIK

Susan Tonik, administrative analyst/specialist in CAFES, Agricultural Research Initiative, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. To donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Tonik remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence, contact Heidi Lorge in CAFES-College of Agriculture at ext. 6-5158 or hlorge@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#101807–Equipment Technician II-Electro Mechanical, College of Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, \$3,698-\$5,546/month. Open until filled. Reviews begin: Feb. 25.

#101823–Coordinator of Student Development, Student Services Professional II, University Housing, Residential Life and Education, temporary position through June 16, 2010, \$3,519-\$5,002/month. Open until filled. Reviews begin: Feb. 27.

#101841–Realtime Captioner, Pool Position, Student Affairs, Disability Resource Center, temporary on-call through June 30. Range A: \$16.20-\$40/hour. Range B: \$16.20-\$60/hour. Open until filled. Reviews begin: Feb. 13.

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