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COME TO POLY CANYON VILLAGE FOR FREE SAMPLES MARCH 5-6

Start your day at Poly Canyon Village with a hot bowl of organic steel-cut oatmeal from Jamba Juice made with real fruit and brown sugar crumbles for only \$2.95. Or grab a fresh deli sandwich, salad, or yogurt parfait from Peet's Coffee and Tea for lunch while picking up your favorite espresso drink. Free samples will be offered all day Thursday and Friday, March 5-6.

CAL POLY CORPORATION BOARD MEETING SET FOR MARCH 6

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting on Friday, March 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy, executive director, Cal Poly Corporation at ext. 6-1131.

CAL POLY CORPORATION BOARD SEEKING FACULTY MEMBER

The Academic Senate is seeking nominations from tenured faculty to serve on the Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors for the 2009-2012 term. Interested faculty should contact the Academic Senate Office for a description of member responsibilities and an "Expression of Intent and Willingness to Serve" form. The completed form must be received by the Academic Senate Office by Friday, March 6. For more information, call the Academic Senate Office at ext. 6-1259.

POLYCONNECT LAB HOURS EXTENDED FRIDAY, SATURDAY NIGHTS

Beginning March 6, the PolyConnect Lab in the library will stay open until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The library will have computer lab space open until 2 a.m., seven days a week during the regular quarter schedule. No need to remember special hours. This change is in response to a recent survey indicating that 20 percent of library users want the PolyConnect Lab to be open later on Fridays, while another 59 percent want longer Saturday hours for the library. The PolyConnect Lab is located adjacent to the 24-hour study room on the first floor of the library. For more information, visit <http://lib.calpoly.edu/about/hours/> and <http://lib.calpoly.edu/about/surveys/fall2008/>.

SLO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL COMES TO CAL POLY MARCH 6, 13

Cal Poly has partnered with this year's 15th annual San Luis Obispo International Film Festival to bring two events to campus as part of the festival's 10-day line-up. The festival runs March 6-15 (www.slofilmfest.org).

On Friday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m., "Shorts at Cal Poly Library Café" will open the festival at the Kennedy Library Café, with screening of three short films, preceded by a casual reception with filmmakers at 4:30 p.m.

On Friday, March 13, "Dinner and a Movie" will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Sage Restaurant, where festival-goers can enjoy a dinner at Sage from a special, discounted menu starting at 5 p.m.

Each event includes screenings of films produced by independent filmmakers—one a Cal Poly graduate—who will be there to talk about their films. The ticket price for each event is \$9 general/\$7 students (the March 13 dinner is not included in ticket price), and can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact Joette Eisengart at ext. 6-7193.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MAIL FORUM SET FOR MARCH 9

Kay Baker, a representative from the U.S. Postal Service, will discuss mail piece design for optimal postage rates on Monday, March 9 from 10–11 a.m. in the left wing of Chumash Auditorium. She will also discuss non-profit regulations and new standard mail requirements, and new postage rates effective May 2009. The event includes a Q&A session. Your examples are welcome. For more information, contact Frank Limon at ext. 6-6648 or warehouse@calpoly.edu.

ROBOTICS EXPERT TO SPEAK AT CAL POLY MARCH 10

On Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m., in Room 510-B in the Kennedy Library, Cal Poly Professor George Bekey will speak on "Military Robots and Their Ethical Implications." His talk will focus on the ethical issues associated with robotic air, land and underwater military vehicles. What could happen if (or when) these robots, equipped with lethal weapons, are given the ability to use them without human supervision? Can such robots obey the Geneva Conventions, the "Laws of War," and the "Rules of Engagement?" Come find out.

Bekey is a research scholar in residence and adjunct professor at Cal Poly, as well as emeritus professor of Computer Science at the University of Southern California. At USC, he developed the Robotics Research Laboratory and the academic program in robotics.

SCIENCE CAFÉ SERIES CONTINUES MARCH 11

Join Kennedy Library for "The Science of Type: Original Typeface Designs in the Digital Age," the latest in the Science Café series. It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the library's second floor Café Lounge. The speaker is Christopher Slye of Adobe Systems. Slye will discuss the history and accomplishments of Adobe Originals, their leadership role in the industry, and how new technology over the years has affected their work. The talk will include examples of old and new designs, and will illustrate how the OpenType format has allowed users to achieve ever better typographic quality.

This event is sponsored by the Graphic Communication Department and the Kennedy Library, and is free and open to the public. Visit http://lib.calpoly.edu/learningcommons/science_cafe/ for more information.

BLACKBOARD 8 UPGRADE ON SCHEDULE

ITS's Blackboard 8 upgrade project is moving forward on schedule. Courses will be migrated from the current Blackboard version into the new Blackboard 8 between March 13 and 29. The Blackboard 8 Discussion Board and Grade Center will offer improved support tools for teaching. For more information, visit the Blackboard Support Site at <http://blackboardsupport.calpoly.edu/> and click on the Schedule or What's New links.

PRESENTER WILL CHANGE YOUR OUTLOOK MARCH 26

Motivational speaker and trainer Paul Wesselmann will speak to staff and faculty in a free presentation Thursday, March 26, 11 a.m.-noon in Phillips Hall, Room 124. He will speak on how to maintain your sanity, renew your passion for your work and practical ideas for dealing with work and life.

Wesselmann holds degrees in higher education and psychology and has transformed his work at several colleges and non-profits into a full-time job helping higher educational professionals be more effective in their work and personal life. If you are wondering whether Wesselmann's message could have an impact on you, visit his Web site at <http://PaulWesselmann.com>. RSVP to Karen Stubberfield at kstubber@calpoly.edu by March 24.

PROFESSOR CO-ORGANIZES HUMAN ENHANCEMENT AND NANOTECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Patrick Lin, technology ethicist in the Philosophy Department, is a lead organizer for the Human Enhancement and Nanotechnology Conference at Western Michigan University March 28-29. Sponsored also by Dartmouth College and University of Delaware, the ethics and policy meeting will feature speakers from leading organizations such as Carnegie Mellon, General Dynamics, IBM, Indiana University, Oxford University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and Yale. For more information, visit <http://www.humanenhance.com> or <http://ethics.calpoly.edu>.

CAL POLY OPENS LEARN BY DOING LAB FOR FUTURE SCIENCE TEACHERS

President Warren Baker and College of Science and Mathematics Dean Phil Bailey officially opened the new Learn By Doing Lab on campus January 30. The 1,500 square foot laboratory provides a hands-on environment for Cal Poly science majors interested in teaching. Students will host over 1,600 fourth through eighth grade students this school year, teaching them inquiry-based science lessons.

The Learn By Doing Lab is one of Cal Poly's Math and Science Teacher Initiative (MSTI)-funded programs. MSTI is a CSU program to recruit more math and science majors into teaching careers. Students interested in taking this hands-on course (SCMX302) in spring quarter should talk with Seth Bush or Ed Himelblau to request a permission number prior to registering. For more information, visit <http://cesame.calpoly.edu>.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

This Internal Recruitment Is Open to Cal Poly Employees Only (State, Corporation, and ASI)

#101867-Lead Carpenter, Administration and Finance, Facility Services, \$4,659-\$6,015/month. Closes: March 16.

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Irrigation Technician I/II/III, Irrigation Training and Research Center, \$35,698-\$58,474/year. Salary depending on experience. Requirements: BS in technical field, one to three years experience with manipulating spreadsheets, and proficiency in electronics, irrigation design and management, construction and fabrication and computer equipment. Excellent benefits.

General Merchandise Clerk, El Corral Bookstore, \$10.54-\$15.28/hour, requires high school diploma or equivalent and a combination of two years experience in customer service, merchandising, and inventory management. Excellent benefits.

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