

What's Happening

Help police save lives

University Police and the Tri-Counties Blood Bank will sponsor a blood drive **Wednesday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**, in front of Mott Gym. To schedule an appointment, contact Donna Jordan at ext. 6-6679 or djordan@calpoly.edu.

Tropical plant display

The Plant Conservatory will host its fall open house from **3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16**. The conservatory will showcase a new room of tropical plants. Come see the bananas, mangos, vanilla orchid, coconut palm, chocolate tree, coffee plants and other medicinal, food and fiber plants from the tropics. Tours are guided or self-guided. Refreshments will be served, and plants will be available for sale for a small donation. Visit www.plantconservatory.calpoly.edu for more information.

Employment

Faculty: Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at www.calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#100691-Colonial American/American Renaissance, tenure-track position, English Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext. 6-5850). Review begins Oct. 16.
#100692-British Romanticism, tenure-track position, English Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext. 6-5850). Review begins Oct. 16.
#100695-Recreation, Parks & Tourism, Administrative tenure-track position, Natural Resources Management Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-1246). Review begins Nov. 1.

Provost, academic affairs V.P. named

President Warren J. Baker has announced the appointment of William C. Harris as the university's new provost and vice president for academic affairs. Harris is the director general of Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), a post he has held since September 2001. He will officially take his new position after completing his transition responsibilities at SFI, no later than July 2006.

'Space for the Rest of Us'

Rutan to be honored at Fall Convocation

The university will honor legendary aircraft designer and aeronautical engineering alumnus Burt Rutan during Fall Convocation, **Friday, Sept. 16**. President Warren J. Baker will present the President's Medal of Excellence to Rutan at a **9:30 a.m. ceremony in the Christopher Cohan Center, Harman Hall**. The medal has been awarded on just three previous occasions. Rutan, developer of SpaceShipOne, the world's first privately built aircraft to reach space and win the \$10-million Ansari X PRIZE, will deliver the keynote address, "Space, for the Rest of Us."

Cal Poly responds to Hurricane Katrina

As of Monday, the university is in contact with roughly 20 students from universities in Katrina-hit areas who have applied for admission. The university has so far admitted 14 of those students. They are arriving on campus this week. The university is helping them enroll in classes and find housing for the quarter and remainder of academic year 2005-06. The Housing Department's off-campus rental listings Web page now has a category titled "Hurricane Katrina," where faculty and staff members can place offers of off-campus housing. Visit www.housing.calpoly.edu, contact Director of Housing and Residential Life Preston Allen, ext. 6-1226, or e-mail housing@calpoly.edu. For details on Katrina students' assistance needs as they emerge, check the Katrina Response Web page at: http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2005/sept_05/relief.html.

Operation TeddyCare takes bears to kids

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design is launching "Operation TeddyCare" to gather new teddy bears for children coping with the devastation by Hurricane Katrina. To donate, take bears and other stuffed animals – maximum size 15 inches long – to the bookstore, deans' offices or Heron Hall through **Thursday, Sept. 15**. Tags are available at donation sites for writing notes to attach to the bears. As of Monday, Sept. 12, the first day of the teddy bear drive, more than 700 bears were collected. In addition, Los Padres Bank branches are accepting cash donations and checks to sponsor mental health professionals at disaster relief shelters. Checks should be made out to "Hugs Across America" with "Sponsor a Counselor" in the memo area of the check. Students are reaching out as well. All 250 "Week of Welcome" teams are encouraged to donate bears. For more information, contact Tanya Kiani at ext. 6-5134.

Academic calendar for 2005-06

Fall classes start **Monday, Sept. 19**. For the complete 2005-06 academic calendar, go to: http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadprog/acad_cal/2005_06cal.htm.

Employment

State: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on www.calpolyjobs.org. Applicants needing assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#100682-Pre-Doctoral Intern (Helper Aid), Student Affairs-Health & Counseling Services, 2 positions, temporary through June 30, 2007, \$18,000 stipend over 12 months. Review of applications begins Nov. 28.

#100688-Groundworker, Administration & Finance-Facility Services, 2 positions, \$2,450-\$3,675/month. Closes Sept. 23.

#100689-Lead Groundworker, Facility Services-Landscape Services, \$2,768-\$4,152/month. Closes Sept. 23.

#100696-Advancement Records Specialist, (Administrative Support Assistant II), University Advancement-Advancement Services, \$2,273-\$3,409/month. Closes Sept. 16.

#100697-Process Analyst/Trainer (Administrative Analyst/Specialist-Exempt I), Academic Affairs-ESS-Admissions, Recruitment & Financial Aid, temporary through Dec. 31, 2006, with extension dependent on funding, \$3,490 - \$5,235/month. Closes Sept. 21.

#100699-Custodian, OPEN TO ON-CAMPUS APPLICANTS ONLY, Student Affairs-Housing & Business Services, 3 full-time positions available, \$2,056-\$3,084/month. Up to 15 temporary on-call positions available through May 31, 2006, \$11.86 to \$17.79/hour. Closes Sept. 22.

Foundation meeting

The Cal Poly Foundation Board will meet **Friday, Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m.**, in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For further information, or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Frank Mumford, executive director, at ext. 6-1131.

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Rosemary Bowker, 1945 - 2005

Rosemary Bowker died peacefully at her home Friday, Aug. 26, 2005, just shy of her 60th birthday. She was supported by friends and family after a long struggle with cancer. Rosemary was born in Pompton Lakes, N.J., Oct. 21, 1945, to Marie and Frank Campagna. She earned her bachelor's degree at the College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y., and worked toward her Ph.D. in marine biology at the University of Delaware where she met her future husband, Les Bowker. They married on July 10, 1976, and moved to San Luis Obispo. Rosemary earned her master's in biology at Cal Poly where she was employed as a computer consultant for the Biological Sciences Department until her retirement in 2004. She led the University Staff Council and received the Outstanding Staff Award for 1992-93.

Outstanding staffers earn awards

Three employees were chosen to receive the 2004-2005 Outstanding Staff Award. Sharon Arnold, a 17-year employee, is the administrative analyst/specialist in the College of Science and Math. Prisila Johnson, on campus since 1973, is the administrative support coordinator in the College of Agriculture, Food Science and Nutrition Department. Dan Mull, seven years at the university, is an information technology consultant in ITS-Media Distribution Services.

Catastrophic leave solicitation for Robles

Alex Robles, a custodian in Facility Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and/or sick leave to help him remain in full-pay status during an extended absence. Those interested in donating may request a catastrophic leave donation form from solicitation coordinator Edie Griffin-Shaw at ext. 6-5220 or by e-mail. All eligible state employees may donate up to 16 hours in any combination of accrued vacation credit and/or sick leave in increments of one hour or more for all solicitations in any one fiscal year.

Apply to teach overseas

Faculty members interested in teaching in faculty-led international programs may pick up applications in the International Education & Programs Office (Math & Science Bldg. 38, Room 145) or in their respective dean's office. The deadline to submit applications is **Oct. 28**.

Time to submit course reserve materials

Faculty members should submit course reserve materials as soon as possible to avoid delays in making the material available to students. Reserve materials should be dropped off at the faculty submission station in the circulation area of Kennedy Library. The faculty submission form, which must be attached to material when it is submitted, is available at <http://discover.lib.calpoly.edu/forms/reserve/>. For additional information, contact Donna Lister at ext. 6-5789 or dlister@calpoly.edu.

Open enrollment period begins

The benefits open enrollment period, **Sept. 15-Oct. 15**, allows benefits-eligible employees not already enrolled in a health or dental plan to do so. For those already enrolled, open enrollment allows changes to health or dental carriers, enrolling or canceling Flex Cash participation, and adding eligible dependents. All changes made during open enrollment will be effective **Jan. 1, 2006**. To download the open enrollment worksheet, review the new health plan rates, or view the newsletter, visit <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html>.