

# CAL POLY Report

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## DATELINE

More information about these and other Cal Poly events is accessible from the Cal Poly News Web site ([www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu](http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu)).  
(\$) – Admission charged

### Exhibits:

**Kennedy Library:** "Ocean Science Quest," first floor, through October.

### Wednesday, October 8

**Music:** John Krause, BackStage Pizza, 11 a.m.

### Thursday, October 9

**Depression screening:** UU Plaza, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Art, music, poetry:** "AMP" (student show), UU Gallery, 6:30-9 p.m.

### Friday, October 10

**Anniversary:** Pride Alliance, various activities, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Monologue:** Sarah Vowell, Theatre, 1 p.m.

**Panel:** "Design-Build Project Delivery," Business Rotunda, 3 p.m.

**Housing North update:** PAC Pavilion, 3:30-5 p.m.

**Music:** Travis Larson Band, BackStage Pizza, 6 p.m.

**Women's soccer:** UC Riverside, Mustang Stadium, 7 p.m. (\$)

**Volleyball:** U. of Idaho, Mott Gym, 7 p.m. (\$)

**Swing dance-concert:** University Jazz Band, 8 p.m., Chumash. (\$)  
Swing dance lessons, 7 p.m.

**Monologue:** Sarah Vowell, Theatre, 8 p.m. (\$)

### Saturday, October 11

**Volleyball:** Utah State, Mott Gym, 7 p.m. (\$)

### Sunday, October 12

**Women's soccer:** Fullerton, Mustang Stadium, 1 p.m. (\$)

**Magic:** "It's Magic!," Harman Hall, 3 p.m. (\$)

### Tuesday, October 14

**Music:** Tim Jackson, BackStage Pizza, 11 a.m.

**Film:** "Finding Nemo," Chumash, 8 p.m.

## Pride Alliance celebrates first anniversary Friday

Cal Poly's Pride Alliance, the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) Center will celebrate its one-year anniversary Friday (Oct. 10) with a 10 a.m. breakfast reception, seminars on "coming out," and workshops from 3 to 5 p.m. on how to be supportive of LGBT individuals and ensure they are treated equitably.

For more information and a schedule of events, call Pride Alliance at ext. 6-PRDE (7733) or Maya Andlig at ext 6-5839.

A program of Cal Poly's Student Life and Leadership, Pride Alliance opened on National Coming Out Day in 2002. □

## Correction: Web address for Cal Poly Academics

The Web address for Cal Poly Academics, Academic Programs' newsletter, was given incorrectly in the printed Oct. 1 *Cal Poly Report*. The address is [www.academics.calpoly.edu/academic\\_programs/Publications/](http://www.academics.calpoly.edu/academic_programs/Publications/). □

## Registration still open for 'Teaching With Tech'

Spaces are still available in the year-long "Teaching with Technology" faculty "learning community," which starts this quarter. The previously announced Oct. 3 deadline has been extended.

The program, offered by the Center for Teaching and Learning, is designed to help faculty members learn more about effective and appropriate use of technology in the classroom and will provide instruction and support for developing and implementing technology in their classes.

For more information and application forms, look at the CTL online Calendar ([www.academics.calpoly.edu/ctl/calendar/calendar.html](http://www.academics.calpoly.edu/ctl/calendar/calendar.html)) or contact Luanne Fose ([lfose@calpoly.edu](mailto:lfose@calpoly.edu), ext. 6-7360, Air Conditioning/Bldg. 12-102) or Ann Wilenius (ext. 6-7002; [awileniu@calpoly.edu](mailto:awileniu@calpoly.edu)). □

## Ag gets \$2.8M to launch 'specialty crops' institute

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has awarded more than \$2.8 million to the College of Agriculture for the creation of a special institute for the study of so-called specialty crops – crops that make up the majority of the state's \$27.6 billion-a-year agriculture industry.

The CDFA awarded Cal Poly a total of \$2,869,565 in a three-year grant to fund the creation and three years of research and operation of the California Institute for the Study of Specialty Crops.

The institute will sponsor research by faculty members, graduate students and undergraduates into economic, policy and regulatory issues that affect specialty crops, defined as all crops except the agricultural commodities of wheat, cotton, rice, peanuts, tobacco, oil seeds and feed grains supported by USDA programs.

The university will set up the institute and begin research work during the 2003-2004 academic year, with Agribusiness Professor Jay Noel as interim director. □

## National contractor pledges \$300,000 toward lab

One of the nation's largest "heavy civil" contractors has committed \$300,000 to help fund a laboratory in the new building planned for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design on South Perimeter Drive.

Watsonville-based Granite Construction Co. is making the gift for a 2,000-square-foot heavy/civil construction laboratory for construction management courses. □

## All the news...

More on the specialty crops institute (top) and the gift to help fund a heavy-construction lab (above), plus other university news, is online on the Cal Poly News Web site, [www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu](http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu). □

## 'Plainsong' author Haruf to speak Oct. 15

As part of Preface: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program, award-winning author Kent Haruf will speak at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 in Chumash Auditorium about his background and the writing of the national bestseller "Plainsong."

The book, a national bestseller when it came out in 1999, tells the story of a small ranching town and the converging lives of its residents. It won The New York Times Book Award and was a finalist for the National Book Award.

Haruf's two earlier novels are "The Tie That Binds," which received the Whiting Foundation Writer's Award, and "Where You Once Belonged," which received the Maria Thomas Award for Fiction. His short fiction has also appeared in The Best American Short Stories.

For more information, call program coordinator Patricia Ponce at ext. 6-1380 or go online to [www.preface.calpoly.edu](http://www.preface.calpoly.edu). □

## Donald Hensel, 77

Donald Hensel, professor of history from 1960 to 1994, died Sept. 4 in San Luis Obispo. A specialist in U.S. and Civil War history, he received the Distinguished Teacher award in 1970. □

## Depression Screening Day is Thursday at UU

Information about the signs and symptoms of depression, as well as free, confidential screening, will be available Thursday (Oct. 9) at the University Union as part of National Depression Screening Day.

Representatives from Health and Counseling Services will distribute material and administer a written self-test to screen for depression from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the UU Plaza. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the results of their test with a mental health professional.

Depression is a mental illness, not a weakness, and effective treatments are available. Signs of clinical depression can include lack of pleasure in life, feelings of sadness and emptiness, trouble sleeping or eating, thoughts of suicide or death, fatigue or loss of energy, inability to concentrate, and restlessness or decreased activity.

For more information on depression screening, call Counseling Services at ext. 6-2511. □

## Agriculture opens doors for Fall Preview Oct. 17

The College of Agriculture will open its doors Oct. 17 to community college students, high school seniors and teachers for a Fall Preview.

The college is hosting the one-day event to introduce prospective students to the opportunities available in agriculture. The program will include individual department sessions, admission and financial aid workshops, curriculum activities and club overviews.

For more information, contact the College of Agriculture at ext. 6-2161, or visit [www.calpolyag.com](http://www.calpolyag.com) (select "Events," then "Fall Preview" in the left-hand column). □

## Faculty Development Grant proposals due Nov. 10

The deadline to submit proposals for the next set of grants under the Faculty Development Grant program is 5 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Kennedy Library 510B.

The program is designed to assist probationary and tenured faculty members at the assistant or associate professor rank in meeting the requirements for retention, tenure or promotion. Awards to lecturers are granted under unique and limited circumstances. Grant funds support travel to meetings, assigned time to carry out special projects, or mini grants to support other aspects of faculty development.

Proposal information and guidelines are on the CTL Web site, [www.academics.calpoly.edu/ctl](http://www.academics.calpoly.edu/ctl) (click on Grants). Questions should be directed to Joe Grimes at [jgrimes@calpoly.edu](mailto:jgrimes@calpoly.edu) or ext. 6-2088. Awards will be announced by April 2004. □

## Housing update Friday

An update on the Student Housing North plan will be given 3:30-5 p.m. Friday (Oct. 10) in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

For more information on the 2,700-bed student complex, see the Facilities Planning Web site, [www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities\\_Planning/](http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/). □

## Rec Center raffles lockers

Registration for a staff lottery for Rec Center lockers will be held Thursday (Oct. 9) through Oct. 16. Registration is in the Rec Center equipment room, in person only. □

## Position Vacancies

**STATE** The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on Cal Poly's online employment system, [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://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](http://www.calpolyjobs.org) and complete the online application. Applicants needing computer/Internet access and/or assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236 for information on available resources.

**#100183-Communications Installer** (Equipment System Specialist, Career Level)\* \$3,033-\$5,007/month. Closing date: Oct. 14.

**#100190-Advancement Director** (Administrator II), Orfalea College of Business, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled; review of applications begins Oct. 25.

**#100194-Special Events Coordinator** (Public Affairs/Communication Specialist I)\* Academic Affairs, Athletics. \$2,617-\$3,924/month. Closing date: Oct. 13.

**FACULTY** Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://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. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

**#100181: Tenure-Track, Full-Time position**, City & Regional Planning Department (ext. 6-6631). Closing date: Nov. 10.

**#100185: Tenure-Track, Full-Time, Assistant/Associate Professor**, mathematics teacher education and/or science teacher education, University Center for Teacher Education (ext. 6-7380). Review begins Nov. 23; applications received after that date may be considered.

**#100186: Tenure-Track, Full-Time, Assistant/Associate Professor**, educational leadership and administration, University Center for Teacher Education (ext. 6-7380). Review begins Nov. 23; applications received after that date may be considered.

**#100196: Tenure-Track, Full-Time position**, Psychology & Child Development Department (ext. 6-2106). Review begins Dec. 1; applications received after that date may be considered. □

## Cal Poly Report schedule

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Articles should be e-mailed to [polynews@calpoly.edu](mailto:polynews@calpoly.edu) with the subject line "For Cal Poly Report." For more information, call ext. 6-1511. □