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ASI Student Government to Host Cal Poly Earth Day Celebration

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Student Government is hosting a free Cal Poly Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 28, 2002 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Cal Poly Recreation Center soccer field.

More than 100 community organizations and student groups have been invited to set up booths and display their environmental interests. There will be solar energy demonstrations from Future Electric and samples of organic foods from Railroad Café and Art Café. Participants will learn how to process recycled paper. There will be opportunities to make hands-on crafts such as hemp bracelets and Styrofoam sculptures. "Trash Art" contests are planned for creative to promote re-use of worthless objects. This includes a "Junk Jam," where artists create instruments out of old items and materials and perform at the event.

Ernie Ball's Local Heroes Mobile Stage will feature a variety of bands and musical performers including Bootsie Marango, Higher Movement and G.O.Z.A. Speaking at the event will be Pam Heatherington from Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo (ECOSLO) and ASI President Angie Hacker, among others.

Heatherington is a Cal Poly alumna and says she is thrilled that Cal Poly is getting involved. "Nothing like this was going on when I was in school," she said. "I am very heartened to see that ASI and the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) are working hard, because it is your generation that is going to inherit this Earth. We are not leaving it to you in the best condition."

ASI student government seeks to promote environmental responsibility among the student population and San Luis Obispo community. "This year both parties are combining efforts to form a large-scale event that students and community members can share," says Greg Szalay, coordinator of projects and events for ASI student government.

For more information about ECOSLO e-mail ecoslo@slonet.org, and for more information about ASI Student Government call (805) 756-1291 or visit www.asi.calpoly.edu.

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