Linda Halisky appointed Liberal Arts dean
Linda Halisky has been appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts, effective April 3. As interim dean since August 2004, she has fostered a positive environment for teaching, scholarship, creative activity, research and service to the university and community. “Linda Halisky has proved to be both visionary and pragmatic in leading the College of Liberal Arts,” said Interim Provost Robert Detweiler. As dean, Halisky oversees about 60 staff members and more than 300 faculty members, who teach some 3,000 majors, representing the third-largest undergraduate enrollment at Cal Poly.

Tanya Kiani named College of Ag assistant dean
The College of Agriculture has named Tanya Kiani its first assistant dean of advancement and external relations, effective May 15. Kiani is currently the director of advancement, alumni and external relations for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. In her new position, she will be working on developing private support for improving and expanding facilities in the college and planning for a new Agriculture Technology Center.

Forums set for University Advancement VP candidates
Finalists for the position of vice president for university advancement will be on campus for interviews during the week of April 17. The campus community is encouraged to attend and meet the candidates.

- Tom Gelder, vice president for resource development and communications, Mercy Housing Inc., Denver, Colo., will be on campus Monday and Tuesday, April 17-18. An open forum is planned from 10 to 11 a.m. April 18 in the Pavilion in the Performing Arts Center.
- Sandra Ogren, (acting) vice president for university advancement, Cal Poly, will be interviewing Wednesday and Thursday, April 19-20. An open forum is planned from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 20, also in the Pavilion.

‘Provocative’ speaker to discuss social change April 13
Helen Zia, author and former executive editor of Ms. Magazine, will share her insights regarding civil rights and affirmative action as part of the ongoing Provocative Perspectives series on Thursday, April 13. A second-generation Chinese American, Zia has been outspoken on such issues as civil rights, peace, women’s rights, “hate violence” and homophobia. The event will be in Vista Grande Café, beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by the lecture at 8. She will also present an informal reading from her works and discuss her life as a writer at 7 p.m. in Philips Hall. Reservations are required for the breakfast and can be made by contacting Liz Cofer at ext. 6-0327 or lcofer@calpoly.edu.

Talk to explore Abraham in Judaism, Christianity, Islam
Assistant professor of religious studies Stephen Lloyd-Moffett will present "In Search of Abraham: The Reception of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, in Philips Hall. The talk will examine the ways in which conceptions of Abraham developed across time, especially as the three traditions interacted with one another. The lecture is the first of a three-part series titled "Abraham-Father of Many," which focuses on understanding the place and meaning of the person of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Additional presentations are planned on May 1 and May 22. For more information, call Lloyd-Moffett at ext. 6-2475.
Summer fee waiver dates
Employees are reminded of the following summer quarter fee waiver deadlines:
• May 8 – POWER scheduled registration period begins (see “Priority and Graduate Students” category in class schedule).
• May 16 – Last day to pay fees to avoid $25 late fee.
• June 1 – Last day to submit CSU admission application (undecided/non-matriculated status only).
• June 28 – Last day to submit fee waiver form to Human Resources.
Guidelines, procedures and forms are available on the Human Resources Web site at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/training/index.html (see Employee Fee Waiver). Call Darcy Adams at ext. 6-2472 for more information.

Policies protect research subjects, deal with fraud
The university has established policies and procedures for protecting people and animals involved in research projects and for addressing scientific fraud. Regulations and procedures for working with human or animal subjects in research can be found at http://www.calpoly.edu/~scdavis/human.htm and http://www.calpoly.edu/%7Ergp/animalcare.html, respectively. Policies and procedures addressing scientific fraud and misconduct can be found at http://www.calpoly.edu/%7Ergp/pdf/fraud.pdf.

Annual Juried Student Exhibition opens April 7
The best of Cal Poly students’ artwork will be featured in a juried exhibition April 7-26 in the University Art Gallery. An opening reception and awards ceremony are planned from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 7. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and Wednesday 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact the gallery at ext. 6-6038 or ckuper@calpoly.edu.

'Spring Bouquet of Chamber Music' concert set for April 9
The Music Department will present "A Spring Bouquet of Chamber Music" at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in the Spanos Theatre. The faculty recital will include songs by Thomas Campion, Alessandro Scarlatti, Franz Schubert and Charles Ives. Performers include Katherine Arthur, soprano; Paul Severtson, violin; James Edwards, lute; Jeanne Shumway, cello; Clifton Swanson, bass; Caroline Tobin, clarinet; Keith Snell, trumpet; David Arrivée, harpsichord; and Susan Azaret Davies, piano. Violinist Brynn Albanese will also perform. Tickets are $6 to $10 and are on sale at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office. For more information, call ext. 6-2406.

Faculty to give bassoon, viola, piano, oboe recital April 13
Music faculty member and bassoonist Amber Ferenz, with guest performers Mark Menzies playing viola and piano, Kathryn Pisaro on oboe, and Julie Feves on bassoon, will give a free recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

Kennedy Library survey results are in
Results from the library's LibQUAL survey, conducted during spring 2005, can be seen online at http://www.lib.calpoly.edu/departments/assessment/. The survey provided an opportunity for faculty and students to rate the library's services and suggest needed improvements. For more information, contact Navjit Brar at nbrar@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2631.