Middlestadt, Baker to discuss Cal Poly future today
President Warren J. Baker and ASI President Tylor Middlestadt will give a State of the Student address at 5 p.m. today, April 12, in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion. It will focus on the theme “Preparing the Leaders of Tomorrow.” Cornel Morton, vice president for student affairs, will talk on student success, campus growth and Student Affairs’ mission, "Investing in Greatness." President Baker will discuss the future of Cal Poly and how it is preparing to meet future challenges and changes. Middlestadt will speak on student-community relations, sustainability and advocating for higher education. For more information, contact ASI Chief of Staff Becca Swanson at ext. 6-5826.

Bechtel donates $150,000 for CESaME program
S.D. Bechtel Jr., in association with the S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation, donated $150,000 to Cal Poly's Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education (CESaME). The funds will be used to support a new project designed to engage upper elementary school students and their teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The project will serve students who are underrepresented in STEM careers.

Two CalPERS financial planning workshops planned
CalPERS will hold two financial planning workshops Wednesday, April 26. The morning session, titled Achieving Your Dream Retirement, will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in UU 216. Topics will include sources of retirement income, determining income needs, and saving to reach retirement goals. Employees will learn how to overcome obstacles to saving and will create a personal retirement action plan. The afternoon workshop, on Investment Basics, will be from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in UU 218. Advance registration is required, and each workshop will be limited to the first 30 who call. To register, call Human Resources at ext. 6-5436 and leave your name and telephone number. For information about upcoming CalPERS seminars, call toll free (877) 720-7377 or visit the Web at http://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/member/sem-wkshp-events/sem-wkshp/retireplanwork.xml.

Cal Poly Corporation board meeting set for April 21
The board of directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular public meeting at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 21, in the Cal Poly Corporation Building Conference Room (Room 124). For more information about the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call Frank Mumford, executive director, Cal Poly Corporation, at ext. 6-1131.

Bonnie Long retirement reception set for April 20
The Provost's Office will host a retirement reception for Bonnie Long from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the Smith Alumni and Conference Center. Long has worked at Cal Poly for 38 years and has served as the executive assistant to the provost for more than 20.

Retirement reception for Val Lorton planned for April 19
A retirement reception for Evelia "Val" Lorton, who has served ASI Recreational Sports since September 1983, is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 19, in UU 220.
Nominations sought for President's Service Award

Nominations are being accepted for the President's Service Awards, which recognizes students, faculty and staff for their contributions to the quality of life in San Luis Obispo and their spirit of civic involvement. Nominations can be made in three categories: Innovation in Service, Significant Contribution, and Greek Community Contribution. Each award recognizes a specific achievement in service. President Warren J. Baker will recognize award recipients at a ceremony from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the University House. To make a nomination, e-mail Joy Pedersen at jmpeders@calpoly.edu.

Outstanding Student Employee Reception to be April 13

A reception recognizing Cal Poly’s 24 Outstanding Student Employee nominees is planned for 11 a.m. to noon, Thursday, April 13, at the Smith Alumni and Conference Center. During the reception, Brendan Gail, Cal Poly’s 2005-06 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year, will be recognized by President Warren J. Baker. Student employees and supervisors of student employees are welcome to attend.

Take a guided tour of the arboretum April 14

Tom Eltzroth, director of the Leaning Pine Arboretum, will give a guided tour of the gardens to faculty and staff from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Friday, April 14. The arboretum, part of the Environmental Horticultural Science Unit located at the top of Via Carta, features Mediterranean-climate landscape plants. The tour will include stops at the Australian, Mediterranean, South African, Chilean and Californian gardens. Rain cancels. The tour will be limited to the first 40 people who sign up. Contact Eltzroth at ext. 6-2888 to reserve a spot.

Student engineers to talk about clean-water project

Cal Poly’s Engineers Without Borders will give a presentation Friday, April 14, about a drinking-water treatment system the group installed for the hill tribe village of Mae Nam Khun in Thailand. The talk will be at 1:30 p.m. in UU 220. EWB-Cal Poly was founded in 2004 to undertake projects that bring sustainable, long-term benefits to impoverished communities. The project was the group’s first international effort.

Textbook orders for summer, fall due week of April 24

To ensure books and other course materials are on the shelf for students at the start of summer and fall quarters, faculty are asked to submit textbook and course pack orders and supply lists to El Corral by the week of April 24. Faculty members can help students save money by turning in requisitions on time. Here are three ways to use the online faculty adoptions site:

- Access the Web site www.elcorralbookstore.com. Click on "Faculty & Staff," then on "Online Faculty Adoptions."

Anyone still needing help after viewing the online tutorial should contact the bookstore’s courseware office at ext. 6-1171 or go to www.elcorralbookstore.com and click the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of the page.