Open forums set for College of Liberal Arts dean finalists

Finalists for the position of dean of the College of Liberal Arts have been invited to campus. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend open forums, where each candidate will provide a brief presentation, followed by questions and answers. Resumes and other information provided by the candidates are on the Web (under Announcements) at http://academic-personnel.calpoly.edu/.

- Howard E. Sypher, head, Communications Department, Purdue University – Open Forum: Thursday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Mathematics and Science Building, Room 114
- Charles Hohm, dean, College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, CSU Dominguez Hills, Open Forum – Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Foundation Adm., Room 135
- Linda Halisky, interim dean, College of Liberal Arts, Cal Poly – Open Forum, Thursday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Foundation Adm., Room 135
- Philip Castille, dean, College of Arts and Science, Eastern Washington U., Cheney & Spokane – Open Forum: Monday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Foundation Adm., Room 135

Disability Resource Center director appointed

Trey Duffy has been appointed director of the Disability Resource Center, effective March 20. Duffy served at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for over 19 years, most recently as the interim associate dean of students. He previously served as director of the McBurney Disability Resource Center and as coordinator of the Disabled Student Services program at San Jose State, where he earned a master's degree in educational administration. Duffy succeeds Ann Fryer, who served as interim director during the selection process.

Center for Construction Education expands offerings

The Charles Pankow Foundation has awarded Cal Poly's new California Center for Construction Education a $100,000 grant to expand undergraduate offerings in design-build education across the nation. The center is part of the Construction Management Department. For more information, go to http://construction.calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-1323.

Save your batteries

Recent statewide news has outlined new California requirements for disposal of all batteries, large and small, at work and at home. Risk Management has a program to collect used batteries from all campus departments and offices. Collected batteries are shipped to a recycler, where the metals are reclaimed. Risk Management also has information on other types of waste and how to legally dispose of them. For more information about what to do with dead batteries and other waste materials generated here, contact Mike Ahler, Risk Management, ext. 6-6661 or mahler@calpoly.edu.

‘Password Secrets’ title of March 3 talk

Administration and Finance is sponsoring a forum on information security titled “Password Secrets” from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, in Philips Hall (Room 124) in the Performing Arts Center. A question-and-answer session will be included. For more information, contact Vicki Stover at vstover@calpoly.edu.
Counseling Services has been reaccredited
Counseling Services has been reaccredited by the International Association of Counseling Services Inc., an organization of United States, Canadian and Australian counseling agencies. "Counseling Services was evaluated by IACS against high standards of counseling practice and was found to offer competent and reliable professional services to students, according to Elie Axelroth, interim head of Counseling Services. Approval by IACS is also dependent upon evidence of continuing professional development as well as demonstration of excellence of counseling performance. Counseling Services has been accredited by IACS since 1985.

Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble to perform Feb. 25
Professor and pianist W. Terrence Spiller will join 115 student musicians in the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble in a concert titled "A Wealth of Winds" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $8 to $18 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office and at the door.

Cal Poly Brass Choir, Brass Quintet in concert Feb. 26
The Cal Poly Brass Choir and the University Brass Quintet will perform an afternoon of standard brass repertoire at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at St. Timothy's Church, 962 Piney Way in Morro Bay. Tickets to the concert are $5-$8 and may be purchased at the door at St. Timothy's. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

L.A. students to meet professor, poet laureate Velásquez
A group of 15 students from Roosevelt High School in East Los Angeles are planning a trip to San Luis Obispo Saturday, March 4, to meet with professor and award-winning author Gloria Velásquez. Widely known for her Roosevelt High School Series of young adult novels, Velásquez will have lunch with the students, take them on a tour of her home, and answer questions about the novels they read. Velásquez's RHS books focus on a group of multiracial teenagers who are confronted with a variety of social and cultural issues ranging from violence and sexuality to teen pregnancy and prejudice.

Foundation board seeks faculty member to serve
The Academic Senate is seeking nominations from tenured faculty to serve on the Foundation board of directors for the 2006-2009 term. Interested faculty should contact the Academic Senate office for a description of member's responsibilities and an Expression of Intent and Willingness to Serve form. The completed form is due to the Academic Senate office Friday, March 10. For more information, call ext. 6-1259.

Hispanic engineers win national design contest – again
For the fourth straight year, Cal Poly's student chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers has earned first place in a national design competition. Cal Poly teams finished first, third and fourth in the design contest at the SHPE National Technical Career Conference in Orlando. The team won for its design for a sound-activated baby mobile. For more information on SHPE, see oneshpe.shpe.org.