New study abroad program available
The university was among 10 United States universities chosen to partner with German colleges and universities through a new international study program funded by the German Academic Exchange Service. The German government will grant start-up funding over the next three years to 10 German institutions of higher education for the new study-abroad programs for American students. The programs were selected by a committee of nine leading study-abroad experts from the U.S. and Germany as part of a recent national competition among many of the top higher education institutions in Germany. The new programs will be launched in 2006. For details visit: http://www.daad.org/?p=studyinggermany.

CAED wins top national award
CAED’s Sustainable Environments minor program won top national honors for “ecological literacy” from the American Institute of Architects. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) named the CAED programs as the first-place winner of a grant program designed to recognize architecture programs that promote ecological literacy. The AIA selection team reviewed 49 programs at architecture schools across the U.S. Cal Poly was one of three grant winners named at the national AIA Convention on May 19 in Las Vegas. The winners each received a $3,000 grant, courtesy of the Tides Foundation, as recognition for their immersion of students in ecological literacy concepts.

Rodeo team takes top titles at NIRA championships
The Cal Poly Rodeo Team took top honors at the 2005 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association championships last weekend in Wyoming. Team members earned both the Men’s and Women’s All Around champion spots at the national finals, competing against students from 62 universities -- and finished as the No. 2 Men’s Rodeo team in the nation. Ben Londo, a construction management major from Milton Freewater, Ore, took first place in Men’s All Around with 472.5 points. Marcey Teixeira, an agricultural business student from Santa Maria, took Women’s All Around, with 190 points. For more details on the finals, visit the NIRA Web site at: http://www.collegerodeo.com/index

Read 'The Kite Runner' with new students
Preface, The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program, invites the campus community and the city of San Luis Obispo to join new students for a common intellectual experience. Since 2002, Preface has asked incoming freshmen and transfer students to read a pre-selected book during summer and meet for a book discussion group in fall as part of their college orientation. This year, the book will be “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hosseini. For the first time Preface is joining forces with the SLO City-County Library to recruit and train community volunteers for a new program that will include two off-campus discussion sessions designed specifically for community members. For more information visit http://www.preface.calpoly.edu

California Boulevard opened
California Boulevard at Highland Avenue is now open to traffic in all directions.
Employment

State: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on www.calpoly.jobs.org. To apply, go online and complete the application form. Applicants needing assistance may contact Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.


#100640-Information Center Supervisor, (Community Service Specialist II), Administration & Finance-University Police, $2,498-$3,747/month. Closes July 15.

Employment Faculty: Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at 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.

#100562-Full-Time Tenure-Track Positions, Biomedical & General Engineering Department, College of Engineering (ext. 6-6400). Application review begins Oct. 1.

#100630-Full-Time Tenure-Track Positions, Mechanical Engineering Department, College of Engineering (ext. 6-5585). Closes Nov. 15.

Positive Paranoia? Who Said That?

English Professor John Hampsey isn't paranoid; people really are after him. They are after him to speak about and sign copies of his groundbreaking 2004 book, “Paranoia and Contentment: A Personal Essay on Western Thought,” which has received such wide interest and critical acclaim that it has nearly sold out of a second printing and will soon be available in paperback. The book is the first to view paranoia as a positive concept and to use it as a cultural lens to reinterpret the Western tradition, Hampsey said. Hampsey, a San Luis Obispo resident, has been teaching at the university since 1989. He was recently named a Cal Poly 2004-2005 Distinguished Teacher. For more information on Hampsey, visit his Web site http://cla.calpoly.edu/~jhampsey/

Solicitation of vacation credit/sick leave

Debra Garcia, administrative analyst in the College of Engineering, Dean’s Office, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and/or sick leave to help Debra remain in full pay status during an extended absence. Those interested in donating leave may request the Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Donna Aiken in the College of Engineering at ext. 6-2132 or by email. All eligible state employees may donate up to 16 hours total*, in any combination, of accrued vacation and/or sick leave in increments of one hour or more for all solicitations during any one fiscal year. *Exceptions: Employees in CSEA (Units 2, 5, 7 & 9), UNIT 6 (SETC), E99 (Excluded), C99 (Confidential), M80 (MPP), and M98 (Executive), may donate up to 40 hours total. Employees in UNIT 4 (AP) may donate up to 32 hours total.

CP Arts announces 2005-06 season performances

Emmylou Harris, "Tap Dogs," Dave Barry, John Cleese, "42nd Street," and appearances by critically acclaimed classical performers are among the many highlights of Cal Poly Arts 2005-06 season, announced this week. Season tickets for the new 2005-06 Cal Poly Arts subscription series are now on sale at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, and general tickets will be available soon. For a complete list of performances visit http://www.calpolyarts.org/

PAC hosts 35th Annual Mozart Festival

For a complete schedule of all San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival concerts and events, including the Artists Corner, Music at the Movies and special Summer SoireÈs, visit http://www.mozartfestival.com or call (805) 781-3008 to request a free brochure.

Iraq veteran thanks campus for support

Custodial Department and Facility Services employee George Enriquez has organized a display of memorabilia, souvenirs and photos of his experience serving in the War on Iraq. The display is located on the second floor of the Kennedy Library. In 2003, Enriquez’s Army reserve unit was called to serve in the Iraqi war. Word quickly spread across campus that the 18-year university employee would serve with his unit. Students, faculty and staff mobilized and sent letters, care packages, banners and more to show their support. Enriquez worked with Wayne Montgomery to develop a display that shares his experiences overseas and serves as a way to thank the campus community for its generosity.