What’s Happening

Oceans of Opportunity

Open House events begin Friday

This weekend, April 15-17, is Open House. A schedule of events is available online at: http://orientation.calpoly.edu/openhouse/general/eventschedule.html. Friday is Admitted Students Preview Day. Campus will be full of newly-admitted high school seniors (incoming freshmen for fall 2005) and their parents between 8 a.m. and noon. Here are some other Open House highlights:

- The Design Village competition begins 9 a.m. Friday when teams of architecture and construction management students from around the nation arrive at Poly Canyon to build and live in shelters of their design. The competition continues through Saturday, with Design Village open to visitors 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Awards will be given on Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m.
- The Rodeo kicks off 2:30 p.m. Friday, with the finals at 5 p.m. Saturday, Rodeo Arena.
- Campus-wide activities, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, include a carnival, displays, activities, food booths, exhibits, and demos.

Watch for road, parking lot closures

Traffic delays and limited parking are expected this weekend during Open House. In an effort to provide a safe environment for campus visitors, traffic flow will be modified. On Thursday, April 14, the parking lots adjacent to the Agricultural Engineering Building will be closed. After 5 p.m., there will be no parking in the spaces on Via Carta adjacent to Campus Market. Disabled parking will be available in the C-7 lot on Friday and Saturday. North Perimeter Road will be closed to traffic from Via Carta to California Boulevard beginning 5 p.m. Friday. During the parade on Saturday, 9-10 a.m., South Perimeter and North Perimeter will be closed. North Perimeter from Poly Canyon Road to California Boulevard will be closed all day Saturday. For more information about access and parking, call University Police at ext. 6-6675.

Nominations sought for Diversity Award

Nominations are due Monday, May 2, for the annual President’s Diversity Award. On the recommendation of the campus Equal Opportunity Advisory Council, President Baker established the award in 1997-98 to recognize campus units that have “exhibited commitment to the value of diversity.” Any faculty member, staff member, student, or campus unit may nominate a campus unit for the award, which carries a $1,000 augmentation to the winning unit’s budget for one year. For more information, contact Valene Mathews at vmathews@calpoly.edu. Nomination forms are available at http://www.academics.calpoly.edu/diversity.

Follow signs to the Leaning Pine Arboretum

Avid gardeners and spring visitors to the Leaning Pine Arboretum can now enjoy the grounds even more, thanks to a series of new interpretive displays. The colorful, informative display signs are located in eight areas of the five-acre arboretum. The new signs are designed to enhance visitor experiences by explaining the botany and horticulture associated with nearby plantings, as well as providing home gardening tips. The Arboretum is open to the public Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., year round, and is closed Sundays and academic holidays.

Multi-space meter unveiled

University Police unveiled a new, solar powered, multi-space parking meter this month in the H-10 parking lot across from Kennedy Library. The multi-space parking meter replaces a parking lot full of conventional parking meters and is intended to improve customer convenience. After parking in a clearly numbered parking space, customers simply walk over to the centrally located unit, enter their parking space number, deposit coins or use a prepaid meter key to purchase time (up to 90 minutes). The meter then prints out a customer receipt, and the process is complete. Questions or comments should be e-mailed to parking@calpoly.edu.

Pick up Grad Packs now

Alumni Association Grad Packs are now available. Grad Packs include a one-year Alumni Association membership, plus a Class of 2005 Alumni T-shirt and Alumni Association license plate frame (while supplies last) at the special rate of $20.05. Grad Packs make great gifts for graduating seniors. They are available during Grad Days at El Corral Bookstore, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., April 19-22, or by calling the Alumni Office at ext. 6-2586.

View juried student art exhibit

“The Waiting Room,” the annual juried student exhibit featuring a range of media, will be on display in the University Art Gallery through May 1. The exhibit features the work of students in four categories: two-dimensional studio, three-dimensional studio, graphic design, photography and freelance. The University Art Gallery is in the Dexter Building, Room 171. Gallery hours for the exhibit are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday. For more information, contact gallery curator Barbara Morningstar at ext. 6-1571.
Use of Social Security numbers changes

The passage of Assembly Bill 3016 has resulted in changes to California Civil Code Section 1798.85 which limits the CSU’s use of Social Security numbers as identifiers for students and employees. To view Assembly Bill 3016 on the Web go to: http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/03-04/bill/asm/ab_3001-3050/ab_3016_bill_20040823_chaptered.pdf. For questions, or if you are unable to comply, call Vicki Stover, campus information security officer, at ext. 6-2171.

Passings

Richard K. "Dick" Simon, 60

Richard K. “Dick” Simon, director of Humanities and English professor since 1988, passed away April 4, 2005, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. Simon, 60, had chaired the Humanities program in the College of Liberal Arts since 1995. A well-known and well-liked professor, he was remembered by colleagues and faculty for his lecture-appropriate hats. Simon is survived by his wife, Kathy, and son, Noah. The College of Liberal Arts held a memorial celebration of his life April 10, in the Orfalea College of Business Rotunda, where Simon taught many of his classes. For information on donations, e-mail Terry San Filippo in the College of Liberal Arts at tsanfilli@calpoly.edu.

Service Award nominees wanted

Nominations are currently being accepted for the President's Service Awards. The awards are presented to students, faculty, and staff for their contributions to the quality of life in San Luis Obispo and their spirit of civic involvement. There are three award categories: Innovation in Service, Significant Contribution, and Greek Community Contribution. Each one is competitive and are selected on the basis of the written nomination by a panel of faculty, staff and students. President Baker personally recognizes award recipients for their efforts. The awards ceremony will take place at the University House on Thursday, May 12, 4-5:30 p.m., and will feature music and refreshments. E-mail Joy Pedersen at jmpeders@calpoly.edu to make a nomination.

Reception for student employee Thursday

Morgen Marshall, a senior majoring in business administration, was recently named the 2004-05 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year. Marshall was nominated by Greg Avakian and Nancy Clark from ASI Recreational Sports. The campus community is invited to attend a reception recognizing Marshall and the other nominees 11 a.m.-noon, Thursday, April 14, at the University House Patio.

Somerville named UCLA Senior Fellow

Mary Somerville, assistant dean of information and instructional services at Kennedy Library, has been selected a 2005 Senior Fellow at UCLA. Somerville is one of 15 leaders in the college and university library field to be appointed, following a nationwide competition at the UCLA Graduate School of Information Studies. She and the other fellows will attend a three-week program at UCLA this summer. Somerville is in charge of the information and instructional activities of subject specialist librarians working with faculty and students across campus.

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