Delta Sigma Pi to hold 'Pint Night' blood drive
Delta Sigma Pi, Cal Poly's oldest professional business fraternity, will hold the third annual Tri-Counties Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, on Mott Lawn. Food, beverages and T-shirts will be given to those who donate. For more information, contact Josh Burroughs at (408) 309-0533 or jburroug@calpoly.edu, or Eric Hubbs at (916) 952-0734 or ehubbs@calpoly.edu.

2006 Baker Forum to focus on world without oil; David Goodstein to give keynote address May 7
Caltech physicist David Goodstein will discuss rising gas prices and the looming end of the world’s oil supply as part of his keynote address at the 2006 Baker Forum at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, in the Spanos Theatre. Goodstein, author of "Out of Gas: The End of the Age of Oil," will talk about trends in petroleum supply and demand, the environmental impact of continued reliance on petroleum energy, and possible technological solutions. He is vice provost and professor of physics and applied physics at Caltech, where he has been on the faculty for more than 35 years. President Warren J. Baker will present Goodstein with the Wiley Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes distinguished achievements in higher education and public life. At the Baker Forum, leaders from industry, government and academe will discuss challenges associated with the global transition to a "post-oil" world.

Cal Poly Foundation board meeting planned for May 6
The Cal Poly Foundation board of directors will hold a regular public meeting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Smith Alumni and Conference Center. For more information about the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call Sandra Ogren at ext. 6-1445.

PREFACE: Shared Reading Program seeks volunteers
PREFACE: the Cal Poly Shared Reading Program invites faculty and staff volunteers to facilitate a small-group book discussion in the fall on this year’s selection, "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold. Facilitators will lead a group of 12-15 new students at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, during WOW week. Discussions last about an hour and will be held on campus. Volunteers will receive a free copy of the book, discussion guides, an invitation to an exclusive author reception and reserved seating at the author's public talk on Oct. 12. Anyone interested in volunteering can register online at www.preface.calpoly.edu. Registration is due Friday, April 28. For details, contact Patricia Ponce, program coordinator, at prefacre@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1380.

Lori Hashim helps team win division at Boston Marathon
Lori Hashim of the University Police Department helped the San Luis Distance Club team win the Women's Master Team division in the 110th Boston Marathon. The five-member team won its division with a three-person best time of 9 hours, 44 minutes and 13 seconds. The women beat the next-best team by almost two minutes. Mary Cooper, a lecturer in the Mechanical Engineering Department, was also part of the team. More than 20,100 runners from 94 countries and 50 states competed in the 26-plus-mile race. For more information, go online to http://www.sanluisobispo.com/mls/sanluisobispo/sports/14375392.htm.

ASI Craft Center to hold sale May 10-12 in UU Plaza
The ASI Craft Center will host its Spring Craft Sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, May 10-12, in the UU Plaza. Pottery, jewelry, photography, blown glass and more will be on sale. For more information, call the ASI Craft Center at ext. 6-1266, or visit the Web site at www.asi.calpoly.edu/uu/craftcenter.
Talk in 'Abraham-Father of Many' series set for May 1
The second lecture in the three-part series “Abraham-Father of Many” will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 1, in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. Panelists will focus on the biblical figures of Sarah and Hagar and their meaning for Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Panelists include Heather Mendel, a spiritual director and facilitator of Jewish mystical and feminist studies; Jana Schofield, pastor of campus and parish ministry at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo; and Nisha Abdul Cader, a pediatrician and representative of the local Muslim community. The discussion is the second in a three-part lecture series that focuses on understanding the place and meaning of the person of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The final presentation will be held May 22. For more information, call religious studies Assistant Professor Stephen Lloyd-Moffett at ext. 6-2475.

Thai, American artists to exhibit work May 11-June 2
The third and final leg of an international exhibition of new art created by artists from Thailand and the United States will be on display May 11 through June 2 in the University Art Gallery. “PAC III: Thai-American Art Exchange 2006” will showcase work created on the spot by several visiting artists. On Thursday, May 11, the public is invited to an artist’s lecture at 4 p.m. in Room 228 in the Dexter Building and an opening reception in the gallery (Room 171, also in Dexter) from 5 to 7 p.m. A full-color 125-page catalog accompanies the exhibition. The artists will arrive in San Luis Obispo at the end of April and will participate in a workshop specially designed to produce new artwork in response to the unique environment of the Central Coast. The University Art Gallery is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and Wednesday evenings 7 to 9. For more information, call the gallery at ext. 6-6038.

Human Powered Vehicle Challenge to be on campus
Cal Poly will host the Human Powered Vehicle Challenge, West Coast Competition, Friday-Sunday, April 28-30. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers sponsors the competition in hopes of finding a design that can be used for everyday activities. Cal Poly is one of only three schools that have raced in every ASME competition. Cal Poly placed in the top four spots for both the sprints and the endurance race in four of the last five years. Registration, presentations, a safety test and inspections will be held 3 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Fisher Science Building. Saturday will feature sprint racing and utility vehicles. The endurance race is 8:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday. For more information go to http://studentssections.asme.org/calpoly/HPV/#Schedule or http://www.asme.org/Events/Contests/HPV/Human_Powered_Vehicle.cfm.

Cal Poly cat program to hold spring raffle
The nonprofit Cal Poly cat program will hold a spring raffle during the month of May with proceeds going to veterinary expenses and cat shelter supplies. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. The drawing will be June 1. Donations are tax deductible. Tickets can be bought from Elizabeth Ball, ext. 6-2548; Karleyne Binford, ext. 6-2195; Geri Bolivar, ext. 6-2321; Sharon Dobson, ext. 6-1606; Edie Griffin-Shaw, ext. 6-5220; Gerry Mueller, ext. 6-6004; Ellen Notermann, ext. 6-1625 and Kris Rose, ext. 6-7223. For more information, contact Griffin-Shaw.

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