Oreggia Foundation makes donation to College of Ag
The Oreggia Family Foundation has donated $474,000 to the College of Agriculture, adding to earlier gifts by Arden Oreggia of $425,000. The Oreggia Family Foundation was created by the estate of longtime Salinas Valley dairy rancher and farmer Arden John Oreggia, who passed away in late 2005. Oreggia became familiar with the College of Agriculture, taking a keen interest in its creamery and dairy operations. Thanks to the latest donation, the college will award $45,000 to the new Wine & Viticulture program in support of enology; $68,000 toward the Cal Poly Creamery, $24,000 for discretionary projects; and $337,000 to purchase new equipment for a variety of departments in the college.

Donation creates Latin American Studies Program
Assistant Professor of Geography James Keese has donated $10,000 to Cal Poly to create an educational, nonpartisan Latin American Studies Program. He is collaborating with Craig Arceneaux in the Political Science Department to establish the program, designed to support activities related to Latin America. Keese hopes his donation will attract matching funds to support such activities as study-abroad programs, student internships, lecture series, a student-studies club, and travel and research. Donations can be made payable to Cal Poly Foundation and mailed to Cal Poly, Advancement Office, College of Liberal Arts. Be sure to write Latin American Studies Program on the memo line of the check. For more information, contact Keese at ext. 6-1170 or jkeese@calpoly.edu.

Nominations for Outstanding Faculty Advisor sought
Nominations are being accepted for the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award, which recognizes a faculty member who has had a positive influence on students through academic advising. The award recipient will receive a $500 cash stipend, will be recognized at Fall Conference and will have his or her picture and award citation posted in the Kennedy Library. Nominations will be accepted from faculty, staff and current students. At least one letter must come from a current student. No self-nominations will be accepted. The nomination form is available at http://advising.calpoly.edu/council/award/index.htm. Nominations are due by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, to Mary Whiteford, co-chair, Academic Advising Council, Academic Programs, Adm. 315. For more information, contact Whiteford at mwhitefo@calpoly.edu.

Catastrophic leave solicitation for Ann Bonestell
Ann Bonestell, administrative support assistant in University Advancement, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and/or sick leave to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended absence. Catastrophic Leave Donation forms may be requested from Carol McGregory in University Advancement, ext. 6-6160, or cmcgrego@calpoly.edu. The maximum number of hours one can donate is determined by bargaining unit: Unit 1 (Physicians), Unit 3 (Faculty), Unit 8 (Public Safety) may donate 16 hours. Units 2, 5, 7, 9 (CSEA), Unit 4 (Academic Professionals), Unit 6 (SETC), E99 (Excluded), C99 (Confidential), M80 (MPP), M98 (Executive) may donate 40 hours.
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. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified.

#100674-Tenure-Track Position, Journalism Department, College of Liberal Arts, (ext. 6-2508). Closing date extended to March 17.

#100705-Full-Time Lecturer Position, Journalism Department, College of Liberal Arts, (ext. 6-2508). Closing date extended to March 17.

#100819-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Aerospace Engineering Department, College of Engineering (ext. 6-6479). Closes: May 15.

#100823-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Chemistry & Biochemistry Department, College of Science & Mathematics (ext. 6-2694). Closes: March 3.

#100826-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Civil & Environmental Engineering Department, College of Engineering (ext. 6-2137). Closes: June 14.

#100829-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Mechanical Engineering Department, College of Engineering (ext. 6-1334). Closes: May 15.

#100830-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Food Science & Nutrition Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 6-8130). Closes: March 31.

#100833-Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Computer Science Department, College of Engineering (ext. 6-2824). Closes: June 1.

Retirement reception for Bill Jenkins set for Feb. 15
A retirement reception for Bill Jenkins, manager of the Sandwich Factory and Lucy’s Juice, is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Verande Café conference room. Jenkins has served Cal Poly for 33 years. The campus community is invited to stop by and wish him well.

‘Nuts and Bolts of Advising’ workshop scheduled
The Center for Teaching and Learning is sponsoring a workshop titled “Advising 101 – The Nuts and Bolts of Advising: Resources, Evaluations and Strategies” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the library, Room 510-B. Designed for both new and veteran advisors, the workshop will focus on the “nuts and bolts” of faculty advising, with an overview of resources and services related to helping students and a discussion of common forms and how to decipher an evaluation. A model for effective advising will also be presented. Participants will receive a notebook to organize advising materials. Lunch will be provided. Advance registration is appreciated. Contact Ann Wilenius at awileniu@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7002 to register.

Benefit chamber concert set for Feb. 18 at mission
Six of Cal Poly’s finest student ensembles will give a benefit chamber concert of traditional and contemporary music at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, in the Old Mission Church in San Luis Obispo. The Early Music Ensemble, Trombone Choir, Clarinet Ensemble, Wind Quintet, Brass Choir and Brass Quintet will present “A Night at the Mission” to help raise funds for more than 60 student-musicians to travel to Europe for a 16-day concert tour in July. So far, $240,500 has been raised toward the goal of $357,000. The students need to raise $116,500 by April. Tickets are $8 to $10 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office and at the door. For more information, contact the Music Department at ext. 6-2406 or www.music.calpoly.edu.

Vanpool openings available
Cal Poly’s vanpool has openings throughout the county: Los Osos/Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Atascadero, and Santa Maria. Vanpool riders pay approximately $35 to $90 per month, depending on where the van originates. Contact Susan Rains with Commuter and Access Services at ext. 6-6680.

Campus to close for holiday Feb. 17
The campus will be closed Friday, Feb. 17, in observance of Washington’s Birthday.

Poly Plant Shop has Valentine gifts
Buy your Valentine gifts at the Poly Plant Shop and save money, too. The Poly Plant Shop has a variety of flowering and edible gifts – from orchids and olallieberry jam, to Sweet Earth chocolates, balloon arrangements, potted plants, and dish gardens. Save 10 percent on orders placed by Thursday, Feb. 9. To place an order or for more information, call ext. 6-1106.

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