Mardi Gras: The party's over in SLO
San Luis Obispo has become a destination for Mardi Gras revelers on the West Coast during the past few years. When weekend crowds became violent last year, 50 percent of those arrested were from out of town. Help is needed to get the word out that the city has decided there will be no public Mardi Gras celebrations this year. The university, San Luis Obispo City Council, residents and businesses, and Cuesta College are joining together to stop the violence. Here is what Mardi Gras visitors can expect in SLO on the weekend of Feb. 4-8:

- Extensive law enforcement presence, with nearly 400 officers throughout the city
- DUI check points throughout the city
- Triple fines
- Prosecution to the fullest extent of the law for public intoxication, driving under the influence, public urination, possession of open container, minors in possession of alcohol, public nudity
- No parking on campus for visitors, except those who hold tickets to official events.

For more information, go to www.sلومardigras.org, or send e-mail to mardigrasfeedback@slocity.org.

Need help with the new calendar system?
For information on last weekend's calendar rollout, visit http://email.calpoly.edu/calendar. For PDA synchronization instructions, go to http://pda.calpoly.edu. Questions or problems should be directed to department LAN coordinators. For further assistance, contact the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000 or http://servicedesk.calpoly.edu. Performance on e-mail and other systems is not related to the recent Oracle Calendar upgrade. For information on system status, go to http://www.systemstatus.calpoly.edu.

Orientation Programs Conference
Cal Poly Orientation Programs will collaborate with Stanford University and UC Santa Barbara to co-host a National Orientation Directors Association (NODA) regional conference the weekend of Feb. 25-27 at Fess Parker's DoubleTree Resort in Santa Barbara. For more information, visit http://www.calpoly.edu/~akaikiwi/region2/nodaconf/. The conference theme is "On A Mission: Building Our Communities."

'Oceans of Opportunity' at Open House
On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 15-17, the university will welcome thousands of admitted students and their families, as well as the campus community, to the 12th annual Open House, "Oceans of Opportunity." For more information, contact the Student Life and Leadership Office in UU 217, ext. 6-2476, or visit http://orientation.calpoly.edu/openhouse/.

Call for scholarship nominations
The Women's Studies Program announces four student scholarship opportunities to honor the scholarship namesakes and recognize students who have demonstrated commitment to the rights of women. Scholarship awards are for students, nominated by faculty and staff, who will attend Cal Poly in fall 2005. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 14. For more information, contact Andrea Nash ext. 6-1525 or anash@calpoly.edu.
Cuesta seeks local Women of Distinction
In conjunction with the 31st Annual Women’s Forum, Cuesta College will honor women from San Luis Obispo County for their outstanding achievements and contributions. Log on to http://www.communityprograms.net/wod/womensforum.htm to print a nomination form or pick one up at county libraries, chambers of commerce and Mid-State Bank & Trust branches. Nomination forms must be received by Thursday, Feb. 10. Those who have been selected will receive their awards at a luncheon on Saturday, March 12. Recipients will be notified of their selection two weeks prior to the luncheon.

New digs for class scheduling
The class scheduling department of the University Scheduling Office has moved to Admin. 208. The telephone number remains the same, ext. 6-2461, but there’s a new fax number, ext. 6-6594. Send e-mail to classschedule@calpoly.edu. The master calendar staff can still be reached in Admin. 308, ext. 6-5550 or events@calpoly.edu.

Hearst lectures feature top designers
Cal Poly’s Hearst Lecture Series, “Women in Architecture + Design.2,” continues this winter quarter with a number of programs featuring high-powered designers in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture and planning. All of the lectures will be held on Fridays in the Rotunda (Room 213) of the Business Building. The series is supported by a grant from the Hearst Foundation. For more information, call the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at ext. 6-1311.

Resident advisors needed
The Housing and Residential Life Department is recruiting students as resident and community advisors for 2005-2006, and faculty and staff will be asked to provide references for student applicants. Resident/community advisors work as peer counselors with students living on campus. Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students to apply online at residentadvisors.calpoly.edu. The application and reference deadline is 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28.

Attorney to discuss immigration regulations
Immigration attorney Adam Green will present an overview of immigration regulations concerning work authorization at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center. The program is sponsored by IEP. If you have questions, call Barbara Andre at ext. 6-5837 or Lee Perkins at ext. 6-1477.

Acclaimed playwright will lead workshop
Critically acclaimed playwright Tom Jacobson will lead a free workshop, "By Hook or By Crook: Getting Your Play Produced in the Real World," from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Room 212 of the Davidson Music Center. Jacobson, who earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in playwriting from UCLA, has written more than 25 plays. More than 45 productions of his works have been staged. The workshop is sponsored by FANS (Friends and Alumni Network of Supporters of the Cal Poly Theatre Program). Reservations are required. To reserve a spot, call ext. 6-2030 or 541-5431.