Correction re: Library e-reserves

A headline and story in last week’s Cal Poly Report incorrectly stated that the Kennedy Library wishes faculty members to submit material electronically for reserve.

What the library is requesting is that the faculty consider placing material on electronic reserve exclusively, and not ask the library to maintain reserves in printed format. Printed reserves have low circulation and require high maintenance.

Faculty members should continue to submit material as they recently have—as printed or photocopied pages that the library staff will scan, accompanied by the form found online at http://discover.lib.calpoly.edu/forms/reserve/—or in a manner arranged with Reserves Coordinator Donna Lister, available at ext. 5789.

The Report’s editor apologizes for the confusion.

Earth Day ‘Sustainability’ forum set for April 23

As part of Earth Day activities April 23, “green” environmental designer David Orr will speak and President Baker will announce that the university has signed the Talloires Declaration, joining some 300 universities worldwide in a 10-point pledge to practice, improve and teach methods of sustainable resource use and environmental protection.

Both will speak at an “Education for Sustainability” convocation from 4 to 6 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Others will discuss the university’s efforts toward sustainability and environmental responsibility.

Orr, chair of the environmental studies program at Oberlin College, is a pioneer in sustainable design and perhaps best known for his work on environmental literacy in higher education.


Staff offered voluntary worktime reduction

Because of the current state budget crisis, it has become necessary for the university to notify some staff employees that they will be laid off in the next few months. The affected employees have been notified.

In an effort to ameliorate the budget crisis and potential layoffs facing Cal Poly, the university is now offering all staff employees an opportunity to participate in voluntary worktime-reduction programs, subject to the provisions of the appropriate collective bargaining agreement.

Voluntary programs include, but are not limited to, a reduction in hours worked per week or months worked per year, the 10/12 or 11/12 pay plans (for eligible classifications), and full or partial leaves of absence without pay.

Employees may participate in these programs, by mutual agreement with the supervisor, on a permanent basis or for a specific duration. All participation will be subject to the university's operational needs being met.

Any employee interested in participating should submit a written request as soon as possible, but not later than May 14, to the immediate supervisor, with a copy to Barbara Melvin, director of human resources. For specific questions about the programs, including impact on benefits, contact Deborah Rice in Human Resources at ext. 6471.


Gloria Jameson, 83

Former English Professor Gloria Jameson died March 26 after a long illness. Jameson taught from 1967 to 1988. She served as acting head of the Foreign Languages and Linguistics Department 1970-1972. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday (April 17) at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church in Arroyo Grande.
‘Preface’ reading program looking for volunteers

The Preface shared-reading program this year will include all incoming new students, freshmen and transfers – an estimated 3,000 targeted participants – plus community members. Facilitators are needed for hour-long meetings with groups of 15-20 students that will be held the morning of Sept. 15.

“Granny D: You’re Never Too Old to Raise a Little Hell” by Doris Haddock and Dennis Burke is this year’s subject book. It tells the story of Haddock’s walk across the United States at the age of 89 to draw attention to campaign finance reform. She will come to San Luis Obispo in October.

A volunteer registration form is available on the program’s Web site, www.preface.calpoly.edu. For more information, call ext. 1380 or e-mail preface@calpoly.edu.

“The event has proven an important occasion for the campus community to come together in a meaningful way,” said program coordinator Patricia Ponce. This will be the program’s third year. Participants last year were incoming freshmen in liberal arts and agriculture.

Service Award nomination deadline is April 30

Nominations for President’s Service Awards are due April 30.

Individuals and organizations who have made meaningful contributions to the people and issues of the local community are eligible. Categories are: Innovation in Service (organization, student, faculty/staff), Significant Contribution (organization, student, faculty/staff, community partner), Greek Community Contribution (organization) and Emerging Service Leader (student, faculty/staff).

Descriptions of the categories and qualifications are on the President’s Service Awards Web site at http://service.calpoly.edu/poa. This year’s awards ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. May 25 in Chumash Auditorium.

New leader for Teran drive

Frank Limon in Distribution Services is the new coordinator for the leave-solicitation drive to aid Distribution Services warehouse worker Armando Teran, who qualified for personal catastrophic leave. To donate leave, contact Limon at ext. 6648.

Harassment prevention training set for April 28

The Office of Campus Relations will conduct a two-hour Sexual Harassment Prevention Training April 28 in UU 220.

Two sessions will be offered, both with factual information on policy and personal responsibility. The session from 10 a.m. to noon will use examples relevant primarily to staff members; the session from 1 to 3 p.m. will use examples relevant mainly to faculty members. Employees may attend either.

The training is designed to assist employees with early intervention and prevention of potentially problematic situations.

To register, contact the Office of Campus Relations at ext. 6770 or e-mail locfer@calpoly.edu.

Campus policy requires new employees to complete a two-hour sexual-harassment prevention session before the end of their second quarter of employment. Attendance is also appropriate as a refresher course for those who have not attended a recent workshop.

Preston named outstanding advisor

Social Sciences Professor William Preston will receive the third annual Outstanding Faculty Advisor award, honoring outstanding achievement in student advising. Preston will be recognized at Fall Conference and receive a $500 honorarium, and his name will be displayed on a perpetual plaque in the library. Nominations were sought from the faculty, staff and students.

Hearst Castle trip May 15

ASI Events is planning a trip to Hearst Castle May 15. The sign-up deadline is April 28. For more information, contact Amie Hammond at ext. 1113 or go to www.asi.calpoly.edu/events.

Awareness weeks coming

Two “awareness” weeks are coming up: the annual ReMEmber Week, April 16-23, and Beyond Shelter Homelessness Awareness Week, April 22-29.

More information on ReMEmber Week is at ext. 2600 and http://remember.calpoly.edu. Homelessness Awareness Week details are at www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu.

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Housing Corp. to hold annual meeting May 4

The board of directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corp. will hold its annual meeting at 9 a.m. May 4 in Foundation Administration 124.

A copy of the agenda for this public meeting will be available for review in the Foundation Administration Building the week of April 26. For more information, call Housing Corp. Managing Director Jim Reinhart at ext. 1131.

Foundation board to meet April 23

The Foundation board of directors will hold a regular, public meeting at 8:30 a.m. April 23 in Foundation Administration 124. For more information or a copy of the agenda, call Foundation Executive Director Frank Mumford at ext. 1131.

Cal Poly Report schedule

The Cal Poly Report appears online (www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu) most Wednesdays during the academic year. Articles are due to Public Affairs by 4 p.m. the Friday before publication, except when holidays intervene. Articles should be e-mailed to news@calpoly.edu with the subject line “For Cal Poly Report.” For more information, call ext. 1511.