Melvin appointed Human Resources director

Interim Director of Human Resources Barbara Melvin has been appointed director of the department by Vice President for Administration and Finance Lawrence Kelley, effective June 1.

As director, she will manage recruitment, employee relations, staff development and other matters involving the support staff. Human Resources also administers employee benefits for both the faculty and staff.

Melvin, a member of the human resources staff for more than 25 years, previously served as associate director for human resources.

She earned a B.S. degree from Cal Poly and a Master of Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

Known for strong management consultation skills, Melvin has been heavily involved in employee and labor relations, compensation and classification issues.

Rec Administration names first ‘Outstanding Alum’

The Recreation Administration Program has named 1983 graduate Kendi Root to receive its first Outstanding Alumni Award.

Root, a certified meeting professional and director of sales and marketing for the Inn at Morro Bay, is also a part-time lecturer for the program.

"The consummate professional, Kendi goes far beyond her role as a lecturer for the Recreation Administration Program," said program coordinator and Natural Resources Management Associate Professor Bill Hendricks. "She helps coordinate events and place students in internship and full-time employment positions and also assists with senior projects. In general, she answers our every call for help."

"Kendi also received our alumni award because of her contributions to the profession," Hendricks said. "She has an incredible dedication to ‘rec’ students and the industry."

Donation will reward community service in Recreation Administration Program

A regional investment firm and a 2002 graduate of the Recreation Administration Program have established an annual $2,000 donation to support student involvement and leadership in local community service.

Beginning this fall, the San Luis Obispo office of Round Hill Securities Inc. and Stacey Stanek, the group’s marketing director, will make a $1,000 award twice a year to recognize recreation, parks and tourism students who have made outstanding contributions to community service and leadership.

The donation will also be used to support senior projects and potential community service-related internships and other activities.

"This generous donation will encourage our students to contribute to the development of our local communities through recreation, parks and tourism services within the nonprofit, public and private sectors," said Associate Professor Bill Hendricks, recreation administration coordinator. "It is expected that the award will recognize and assist students involved with special events, at-risk youth, seniors, tourism planning and protection of natural resources and open space."

Committees seek members

State, Foundation and ASI permanent or probationary staff members are needed to fill vacancies on campuswide standing committees and the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee. Most appointments are for 2002-2003, unless otherwise noted. The number of vacancies is indicated in parenthesis.

- Campus Fee Advisory Committee 2002-2003 (1)
- Campus Safety and Risk Management Committee 2002-2004 (1)
- University Diversity Enhancement Council 2002-2004 (1)
- University Planning and Budget Advisory Committee 2002-2004 (1)
- Substance Use and Abuse Advisory Committee 2002-2003 (1)
- Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee 2002-2003 (3)
- University Committee on Committees 2002-2003 (1)

Interested candidates must complete the application and fax it to ext. 6-5483, e-mail it to humanresources@calpoly.edu, or deliver it to Human Resources, Adm. 110 by July 31.

For information about the committees and an application form, go to the Human Resources Web site at http://www.abs.calpoly.edu/hr and click on the "News and Information" page.

Reading program begins for new students

Cal Poly has established a new reading program for selected incoming students. The program, dubbed Preface, "aims to enrich the academic life of the university across all disciplines and provide students with a common intellectual experience," according to program coordinator Patricia Ponce of Extended Studies.

"We believe that Preface will help new students develop a sense of community with their campus colleagues, whether they’re in ag business, engineering, history or English," Ponce said.

The summer reading program will commence this year with a pilot project targeting students in the university’s Honors Program, a program that is designed for academically motivated students.

“Our goal is eventually to encompass all incoming freshmen, along with the larger faculty, staff and off-campus community," Ponce said.

“The students, and anyone else interested in participating, will read the book selection over the summer and then get together in small groups at the beginning of fall quarter to discuss it. We also plan to host other activities in conjunction with the program, such as movie screenings and a guest lecture series.”

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Credit Report is online

The spring 2002 edition of The Credit Report is now online.
You can reach the issue from the Cal Poly home page. Click on "News" in the left-hand column. On the News page, click on "Credit Report" under Publications in the left-hand column, and then on "Spring 2002 Edition."
Or you can go directly to http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/creditreport/spring_02/creditindex_s02.html.

Units with employees who don't have ready access to the Web are urged to help make printed copies available when appropriate. The Credit Report is now published online only. For questions or more information, please contact Bob Anderson in Public Affairs at ext. 6-1511 or banderso@calpoly.edu. []


Leave solicitations

David Deering, a custodian in Facility Services, and Carol LaRiviere, administrative support coordinator in Theatre and Dance, have qualified for personal catastrophic leave.
Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and sick leave to help them remain in full-pay status during an extended absence.
Those interested in donating leave for Deering may request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Edie Griffin-Shaw in Facility Services at ext. 6-5220 or by e-mail.
To donate time to LaRiviere, contact Carson Crain in the College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office at ext. 6-5755.
CSEA employees in units 2, 5, 7 and 9, Unit 4 (academic professionals), E99 (excluded), C99 (confidential), M80 (management personnel plan) and M98 (executive) may donate up to 32 hours total. All other state employees may donate up to 16 hours sick leave and/or vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more. []

Correction

In the list of faculty members who received promotion and tenure that appeared in the June 19 issue of the Cal Poly Report Digest and the online version, David Headrick, Horticulture and Crop Science, was inadvertently left off. Headrick was awarded tenure. In addition, John Thompson of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department was listed as Jay Thompson. []

Position Vacancies

STATE: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at least two weeks prior to closing dates on Cal Poly's Web site at www.calpoly.edu. (Select "Employment" from the Cal Poly links drop-down box.) As a courtesy to our on-campus employees, job vacancies also are published in the Cal Poly Report. Positions marked with an asterisk indicate that qualified on-campus applicants in bargaining units 2, 5, 7 and 9 will be given first consideration. Job applications must be received in Human Resources, Adm. 110, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.
#365-Temporary Emergency Administrative Pool, various Administrative Support Assistant I & II* and Administrative Support Coordinator I & II* positions. All applicants from the previous emergency pools must re-apply with an updated application. Continuous hiring through June 30, 2003.
#389-Police Officer, two positions, University Police, $3,279-$4,518, Closing date: Open until filled; review of applications begins July 9.
#395-Director of Advancement, Dean's Office, Orfalea College of Business, Salary commensurate with experience and background of selected candidate. Closing: Open until filled; review of applications begins July 22.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 6-7107.) All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)
Irrigation Support Engineer/Specialist I/II/III, Irrigation Training and Research Center, $33,165-$61,466/yr. Closing date: Open until filled.

FACULTY Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information or to request an application. Additional information and qualifications for each position may also be obtained online at http://www.academic-personnel.calpoly.edu. Please submit all application materials to the department head/chair unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.
#4241: Tenure-Track, Assistant/Associate Professor, History Department (Teacher Preparation) (ext. 6-2670). Closing date: Oct. 31.
#4242: Tenure-Track, Assistant/Associate Professor, Management Department (Strategic Management) (ext. 6-2680). Closing date: Aug. 30.
#4243: Tenure-Track, Assistant/Associate Professor, Management Department (Management Information Systems) (ext. 6-2680). Closing date: Aug. 30.
#4244: Tenure-Track, Assistant/Associate Professor, Management Department (Human Resources Management & Organizational Behavior) (ext. 6-2680). Closing date: Aug. 30.

Summer reading . . .

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This summer the students will read Tim O'Brien's "The Things They Carried," a highly acclaimed collection of stories about the Vietnam War.
"We made a special effort this year to choose a book written by a contemporary author who could come to campus," Ponce said. O'Brien will be on campus Oct. 18 to talk on the book and meet with Preface participants.
Ponce encourages anyone interested to read "The Things They Carried" and take part in the discussion.
For more information call Ponce at ext. 6-5932 or the Honors Program at ext. 6-7029. []

Peachy fruit tasting event set for July 13

The College of Agriculture will host a fruit tasting 1-5 p.m. July 13 in Room 100 in the Erhart Agriculture Building.
More than 25 different varieties of fruit will be available to taste, including the weeping Santa Rosa plum, whistleday peach, mericrest nectarine, flavor queen plum (a cross between a plum and an apricot) and the Arctic Jay White nectarine.
The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored in conjunction with the Dave Wilson Nursery of Reedley and Hickman. For more information, call Joe Sabol in the College of Agriculture at ext. 6-7225. []

CPR summer schedule

During the summer, the Cal Poly Report Digest and the Cal Poly Report online will appear every other Wednesday. The online version can be seen at www.calpoly.edu/~communic. Additional summer issues will be out July 17 and 31 and Aug. 14 and 28. Articles for both the online Cal Poly Report and the Cal Poly Report Digest are due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before publication. Please e-mail information to polynews@polymail.calpoly.edu or fax to ext. 6-6533. For more information, contact editor Jo Ann Lloyd in Public Affairs at ext. 6-1511. []