**E. coli source not identified**

As of Aug. 23, the county Public Health Department had not been able to identify the source of three E. coli cases that broke out in San Luis Obispo County the first week of August.

Two of the people infected are Cal Poly summer students, and the third was attending an on-campus conference when she became ill.

Cal Poly meat samples were tested and came back negative. One of the students did not eat on campus in the two weeks prior to becoming ill.

The Health Department also tested numerous vegetables from the stock of the distribution company that provides produce to Cal Poly and some 300 restaurants in the county. All tests were negative for E. coli.

According to the county Public Health Department, further tests indicated that the cases might be linked to others reported in San Diego, Nevada and Georgia.

All Campus Dining staff members are trained in proper food handling and cooking procedures. Campus Dining’s standard of cooking ground beef to 160 degrees exceeds federal and state law requirements. All produce is double washed prior to serving.

E. coli is a type of bacteria that can be found in undercooked ground beef, raw milk, some fresh produce, alfalfa sprouts and unpasteurized fruit juices.

If you have any questions about Cal Poly food safety practices, e-mail cdining@polymail.calpoly.edu or call Campus Dining at ext. 6-1175.

**Fall Conference revised; President to speak Sept. 26**

The annual Fall Conference will be held Sept. 16-20, but with adjustments to respect the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday.

There will be no General Session on Monday of Fall Conference week, which is Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement. Major Fall Conference events will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

To review critical campus issues, President Warren Baker will address the faculty and staff in a Fall Convocation 11 a.m.-noon Sept. 26 in the Christopher Cohan Center’s Harman Hall. Refreshments will be served in the center’s plaza beforehand, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., and a reception will be held after the program, also in the plaza, until 1:30 p.m.

In his address, the president plans to discuss campus diversity, student academic success, the college-based fee initiative and the university’s 2002-2003 budget.

A variety of workshops and other orientation sessions will be held Sept. 16-18, with Sept. 19-20 reserved primarily for departmental and college retreats.

A new and related event this year will be “New Teacher Training: Surviving the First Quarter!,” scheduled 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sept. 13 and again Sept. 20. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, it will be open to faculty members, graduate student teaching associates and assistants, and instructional staff members. Pre-registration is required; contact Jo Ernst at ext. 6-7387 or by e-mail (jernst@calpoly.edu).

The Fall Conference program is available now on the Web; click on the icon on the Cal Poly home page. Program brochures will be distributed in early September.

**'Clery Act' video explains crime reporting responsibilities**

A video that explains university employees’ responsibilities for reporting crime under the federal Campus Security Act—commonly known as the Clery Act—is available from the Kennedy Library.

Several copies of the video, “From Understanding to Compliance,” and an accompanying printed viewers guide are available for check-out from the library’s Learning Resources and Curriculum center on the second floor. PolyCat users should be able to find the video by subject or title.

The video is also available for viewing online through an arrangement between the CSU and Playback Media Corporation at www.playback.com.

**Foundation board to meet Sept. 6**

The Foundation Board of Directors will hold a regular, public meeting at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 6 in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. For more information or a copy of the meeting agenda, call Foundation Executive Director Frank Mumford at ext. 6-1131.

**Poly Reps wins ‘Outstanding Organization’ award**

Poly Reps has won the Outstanding Organization 2001-2002 award from the national Association of Student Advance Programs. The society represents alumni and ambassador groups from more than 375 colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada.

Five current Poly Reps and co-advisers Cindee Bennett-Thompson of the Admissions office and Nikole McCollum of the Alumni Relations office were on hand at the national ASAP convention in St. Louis recently to receive the award.

Poly Reps is a 17-year-old student organization focused on increasing awareness about the university and the alumni association. The students serve as official representatives of the university.
Leave solicitation

Connie Simpson, administrative support coordinator in Academic Records, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and sick leave to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended absence.

Those interested in donating leave may request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Patty Warmick-Wait at ext. 6-2723 or by e-mail.

CSEA employees in units 2, 5, 7 and 9 may donate up to 40 hours; 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.

'Try Transit Month' lets commuters ride free

During September, which has been designated "Try Transit Month" throughout San Luis Obispo County, commuters can ride all county bus systems free.

Cal Poly employees who ride the Central Coast Area Transit (CCAT) will not have to buy the punch pass for September.

And for the next four years, anyone with a current Cal Poly I.D. will be able to ride the city bus for free, thanks to Cal Poly's continued financial contribution to the City of San Luis Obispo.

For more information on Try Transit Month, call the San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare Office at 541-2277.

CPR summer schedule

This is the final summer issue of the Cal Poly Report Digest. The final online version can be seen at www.calpoly.edu/~communic. Publication will resume every Wednesday during fall quarter with the exception of Fall Conference Week, Sept. 16-20, when two issues are published — on Monday and on Wednesday.

The usual deadline to submit articles for both the online Cal Poly Report and the Cal Poly Report Digest is 10 a.m., one week before publication. Please send information to Public Affairs via e-mail to polynews@polymail.calpoly.edu or fax to ext. 6-6533. For more information, call Public Affairs at ext. 6-1511.

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 are also 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. 118, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.

#365: Temporary Emergency Administrative Support Pool, various Administrative Support Assistant I & II* positions. All applicants from the previous emergency pools must re-apply with an updated application. Continuous hiring through June 30, 2003.


#443: Doctoral Intern (Helper Aid), two positions, Counseling Services, Student Affairs, temporary from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, $1,170-$2,409. Closing date: Open until filled; review of applications begins Nov. 15.


#447: Stage Hand Pool (Labor),* Cal Poly Theatre, College of Liberal Arts, intermittent, on-call (hourly), $14.41/hr-$17.24/hr. 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.

#422: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Music Department (Ethnomusicology) (ext. 6-1547). Closing date: Nov. 15.

#424: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor(s), Economics Department (ext. 6-2783). Closing date: Nov. 15.

#437: Tenure-Track, 10-Month, Assistant/Associate Professor Animal Science Department (ext. 6-2419). Closing date: Oct. 16.

#437: Tenure-Track, Assistant/Associate Professor, Computer Science Department (ext. 6-2824). Closing date: Nov. 1.

#440: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor(s), Chemistry and Biochemistry Department (ext. 6-2694). Closing date: Nov. 22.

#452: Tenure-Track, Assistant/Associate Full Professor(s), Computer Engineering Department (ext. 6-1229). Closing date: Nov. 1.

Florez appointed

Professor Bob Flores, a member of the Agricultural Education and Communication Department since 1983, has been appointed department head, effective Aug. 30.

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Flora appointed

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Faculty, staff payday: Thursday, Aug. 29

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