Nominations sought for top staff award

The deadline for nominations for the 2002-2003 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Feb. 14. Any student, staff or faculty member, or department or division head may nominate an eligible employee for the award. For additional information, requirements and a nomination form, go to http://www.ctl.calpoly.edu/hr/hrforms/index.html#forms.

Return completed forms to Ellen Stier, chair of the Outstanding Staff Employee Award Selection Committee, in Computer Science. []

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Winter workshop set for curriculum development

A curriculum development workshop is being offered 2-4 p.m. on three Fridays in January and February, beginning Jan. 31.

The workshop, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, will focus on the design and implementation of a new or significantly revised curriculum.

The two additional workshops will be Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, all in the Center for Teaching and Learning, in Room 510 in the library.

The presentations and hands-on exercises will be targeted for department and college curriculum committee members and faculty members who design and evaluate the curriculum or a series of related courses.

The workshop will begin with an overview of the curriculum design process known as “backward design” published in the book “Understanding by Design,” along with a discussion of learning objective development as outlined in the book “How to Write and Use Instructional Objectives.”

The ideas and strategies presented will be applied by participants to a series of courses in their department or program (not just a single course). Advance registration is required. Contact Jo Ernest at jernest@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7387 to register.

‘Teaching Well’ workshops to be offered winter quarter

The Center for Teaching and Learning is offering its ‘Teaching Well’ workshops during winter quarter. The primary goal of the workshops is to help faculty members, graduate teaching assistants and associates, and instructional staff members gain insight, information and skills on particular topics related to teaching and learning.

Workshops will be held noon-2 p.m. Fridays, beginning this week, in the Center for Teaching and Learning, Room 510 in the Kennedy Library. A light lunch will be provided. Workshop dates and topics are:

- Jan. 31: Teaching an Effective Laboratory Class, led by Phil Bailey, Sue Elrod and Matt Moelter of the College of Science and Mathematics.
- Feb. 14: Developing Your Teaching Philosophy, led by James Vilkis, Natural Resources Management.
- Feb. 28: Implementing Active Learning in Your Classroom, led by Beth Chance and Allan Rossman, Statistics.

For short descriptions of each workshop and other information, see the CTL Web site at www.academics.calpoly.edu/ctl/index.htm.

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Senior project clinics set

Students who need help getting started with their senior project research are encouraged to attend one of the Kennedy Library's 50-minute senior project clinics. The sessions will provide an overview on how to access library services and resources; choose relevant, subject-specific databases; search databases and Web search engines effectively and efficiently; and retrieve and format information sources for a literature review.

The clinics are set for 9:10-10 a.m. Tuesday (Jan. 21) and 5:10-6 p.m. Jan. 29 in Room 111-H in the library's Reference area.

For more information, call Sariya Talip Clay or e-mail sclay@calpoly.edu.

Funding available for 'assistive devices'

The Cal Poly Disability Accommodation Assistance Program provides funding assistance for employees who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The funding is provided to the employees' department for purchasing assistive devices not considered to be standard office equipment. For more information see the Campus Relations Web site at www.calpoly.edu/~ocreeed/ada. To submit a request for funding, call Campus Relations at ext. 6-6770.

Armstrong appointed chair

Mary Beth Armstrong has been appointed chair of the Accounting Area and will serve from winter quarter 2003 until the end of the calendar year 2005. Armstrong has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1984.

Agribusiness students allocate $35,000 to library

Students in the Agribusiness Department voted recently to provide the Kennedy Library with $35,000 from a student fee increase to expand and strengthen agribusiness research materials.

"The impact on teaching and learning for students and faculty members in the department will be substantial," said Frank Vuotto, the new business librarian. "Within one year, Cal Poly expects to have one of the best agribusiness research collections in the country."

New resources include a multi-industry business database with a strong global focus on company, product and industry information, and "Euromonitor," which compiles international market data for thousands of products and international retail trades.

For a complete list of new resources, go to http://macabre.lib.calpoly.edu/staff/fvuoetto/35k/expenditures.html.

Van pool has openings

Cal Poly's van pool program has openings for commuters living in Los Osos and Atascadero. For times, cost and other information, contact Deby Anderson, coordinator of commuter and access services with the University Police, at ext. 6-6680 or djanders@calpoly.edu.

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Position Vacancies

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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.

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Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed 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.

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