Cal Poly schedules first ‘Poly Forum’ April 25

Cal Poly will hold its first Poly Forum, an event designed to strengthen the university’s community and business ties, from 7:30 to 9 am Tuesday, April 25, at Vista Grande Restaurant.

The program will bring invited leaders in local business, industry and government to campus to meet with Cal Poly officials and hear about new projects and activities. The forum will meet quarterly.

The first presentation will be made by electrical engineering professor Art MacCarley, who is looking to revolutionize ground transportation with a battery-powered bus.

MacCarley and his students are developing a bus capable of providing continuous service without having to stop to recharge its batteries. The system involves “rapid battery replacement,” which exchanges a battery in less than one minute.

A limited number of seats are available, and reservations are requested. The breakfast costs $10 if reservations are made by today (April 21) and $14 at the door. For reservations or more information, call Eileen Amaral of the Corporate and Foundation Relations office at ext. 1590.

ASI sets May 13 as Good Neighbor Day

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor” is the theme of this year’s Good Neighbor Day, planned for Saturday, May 13.

Sponsored by the ASI, the event pairs Cal Poly students with community members in need of minor home repairs, gardening and clean-up chores in an effort to beautify the city.

San Luis Obispo residents can call the Good Neighbor Day Hotline at ext. 5827 until noon Friday, May 5, to request help.

‘The Immigrant as Other’ title of April 28 panel

A panel of experts will discuss the passage of anti-immigration legislation from a legal, historical, psychological and sociological perspective from 3 to 5 pm Friday, April 28, in Room 213 in the Business Building.

“The Immigrant as Other” will explore developments such as:

- What is the message of Prop. 187, last fall’s controversial initiative that limits medical, educational and welfare benefits for illegal immigrants?
- Are California voters racist?
- Joel Diringer, an attorney with California Rural Legal Assistance specializing in access to health care, will discuss the erosion of legal rights and social benefits for the nation’s legal immigrants.
- Shawn Bum, a psychology and human development professor, will discuss the numerous social and psychological factors underlying “us-them” perceptions.
- John McKinstry from social sciences will look at global patterns of immigration, and political science professor Sonia Garcia will talk about the historical context of immigration policy in California.

For more information, call Elie Axelroth at ext. 2511.

Roper elected to chair CSU deans’ organization

Susan Roper, director of the University Center for Teacher Education, was elected by the CSU deans of education to serve as chair of the deans’ association for the 1995-96 academic year.

The group has developed a vision statement that sets the direction for educating teachers in the CSU for the next decade.

The organization’s members have worked on a number of projects and have submitted proposals to:

- Improve K-graduate school faculty competence in teaching linguistically and culturally diverse students.
- Increase collaboration among public schools and universities in preparing teachers.
- Use technology to promote greater access and quality of instruction.
- Roper will be working with the new CSU Institute for Education Reform, headed by former State Senator Gary Hart.

Cichowski chosen for national program

Robert Cichowski, coordinator of Liberal Studies, has been selected to participate in a national education leadership program.

He joins a group of 18 other educators chosen from around the country to participate in the Leadership Program of the Institute for Educational Inquiry in Seattle.

The 19 leadership associates will meet several times during the year to discuss education renewal and teacher education. They will look at education and schooling in terms of such themes as moral and political dimensions of teaching in a democracy, access to knowledge, pedagogical nurturing, and stewardship of schools.

Participants are also expected to meet with local educators and national authorities.

Cichowski was nominated by Cal Poly for his accomplishments in teacher education and his potential as an exemplary leader in preparing tomorrow’s teachers.
Gyuto Tantric Choir to perform April 26

The chanting Gyuto Tantric Choir, the Dalai Lama’s Holy Choir, will give an intriguing performance that offers a glimpse into a fascinating world of ceremony and ritual, costumes and instruments at 8 pm Wednesday, April 26, in the Theatre.

The choir’s unique chanting style is created by each monk’s singing a chord containing two or three tones simultaneously, accented by cymbals, horns, drums and bells. They chant at 70 cycles per second, the lowest range of the human voice.

The Gyuto Tantric Choir carries on a Buddhist tradition founded in the 15th century.

Tickets for the performance are $15 and $13 for the public and $13 and $11 for students and senior citizens.

Cal Poly Women's Club plans Tiger's Folly trip

The Cal Poly Women’s Club will have the Tiger’s Folly all to itself as members cruise the Morro Bay harbor on Sunday, April 30. For details, call Imelda Gentile at 549-9249.

Festival Folklorico set for April 28-29

Colorful costumes, spirited dancers and breathtaking choreography are all part of Ballet Folklorico de Cal Poly’s third annual Festival Folklorico set for 8 pm Friday and Saturday, April 28-29, in the Theatre.

This year’s theme will be “Sones y Dallies de Nuestro Mexico” (Songs and Dances of Our Mexico). Dance troupes from CSU Fresno and Righetti High School in Santa Maria will join Cal Poly’s folklorico dancers.

Ballet Folklorico de Cal Poly will perform dances from the Mexican regions of Chihuahua, Jalisco, and Nayarit, where the dancers are known for complicated choreography that includes performing while balancing bottles on their heads and tossing machetes in the air while blindfolded.

All seat are reserved, and tickets cost $7.

Best student authors to read works April 23

Cal Poly’s best student poets and fiction writers will read their works at the 25th annual Creative Writing Awards Reading at 7 pm Saturday, April 22, in the Sandwich Plant.

The reading brings together the winners of the annual contest, sponsored by the English Department.

"Long Green Grass" won first place in the short-story category. Written by Shoba Dandilaya, an English senior, the story is described as "a delicate and lyrical portrayal of the horrors of cultural clashes during warfare."

The first-place poem, "I am not Lisa," was written by Lisa Messner, a master’s program English student.

The piece is about the idiosyncratic way children and parents influence each other’s vision of the world and themselves.

The winning authors will receive cash prizes at the reading, and their work will be published in Cal Poly’s literary magazine, Byzantium, to be sold at the reading and later at El Corral.

For more information, call English professor Kevin Clark at ext. 2506.

Annual poetry contest under way until May 1

Faculty members are asked to let their students know about the annual Academy of American Poets contest under way until Monday, May 1.

The contest, sponsored by the English Department, is open to all enrolled Cal Poly students. Each student may submit a maximum of 200 lines of poetry. Typically, students submit from three to five poems.

The winning poet, to be announced Monday, May 22, will receive $100 from the Academy of American Poets. Entries must be brought to the English Department office, Room 32 in the Faculty Offices North Building, by May 1.

For more information, call English professor Kevin Clark at ext. 2506.
Appointments

*Jeff Schneider, an assistant coach at Washington State University, has been named head men's basketball coach. He succeeds Steve Beason. The 35-year-old Schneider is the 11th coach in the history of the program.

*Michael Stebbins is the coordinator for the College of Business’s Management discipline, which covers the areas of organization behavior, human resources management, production and operations management, and management information systems. Stebbins came to Cal Poly in 1981.

Health, dental insurance can be changed in May

The annual open enrollment period for health and dental insurance, Flex-Cash and the Tax Advantage Premium Plan will be May 1-31.

All changes and new actions will be effective Aug. 1. A detailed “Open Enrollment Update” will be sent to all employees during the first week in May. Employees are being asked to please hold their questions until they have had a chance to review the information. The update includes projected premiums and lists member physicians of the various health plans.

The Benefits Fair with representatives from insurance carriers and other program organizations will be from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, in UU 220. Staff members from both state and foundation Human Resources will be on hand to answer questions and process open enrollment forms.

Reviving school spirit goal of new student club

A group of students has begun a grassroots movement to revive school spirit, athletic pride and tradition at Cal Poly.

Running Thunder, a spirit organization, invites faculty and staff members to get involved in the “spirit revolution” by attending various events sponsored by the new group.

The group meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. upstairs in the Mott Gym. Activities include pre-game barbecues and post-game parties. A specially designated “rooting” section is set aside for members attending athletic events.

A pre-baseball-game barbecue is planned for 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Sinshiemer Park, sponsored by Green and Gold, a group of Cal Poly faculty and staff members, and Running Thunder.

The new organization, based on the university’s former Rally Club, coincides with Cal Poly’s move to Division I athletics.

For information on the barbecue or Running Thunder, call Steve McShane, co-chair, at ext. 1291.

Talk on ‘power imbalance’ in health care planned

Gary Kreps, professor of communication studies at Northern Illinois University, will speak on “Communication, Marginalization and Health Care” at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, in Ag Engineering, Room 123.

The talk, presented by the 1994-95 Women, Science and Technology Forum, will explore the fact that certain groups of people, including women, the elderly and disabled as well as those with stigmatized diseases, have been systematically disenfranchised by what Kreps calls “the pervasive imbalance of power in modern health care.”

He will examine the communication dynamics that lead to disenfranchisement of women and other consumer groups, and will identify ways to balance power between providers and consumers.

He will also talk about empowering consumers to take charge of their health care and about promoting social justice within the modern health care system.

For more information, call Deborah Brasket of the Women’s Studies Program office, ext. 1525.

Transfer students, counselors to visit campus

About 150 high school and community college counselors and 185 community college students will be on campus April 27-28 for Cal Poly’s statewide Counselor Conference and the SLO View Transfer Day.

The accepted and prospective transfer students, most of whom are from underrepresented ethnic groups or low-income backgrounds, will be paired with Cal Poly student hosts to sample campus and community life.

The programs are coordinated by the Admissions Office.

Campus gardeners invited to enter flower show

Students, faculty and staff members are invited to enter their extra-special blossoms in Cal Poly’s Pi Alpha Xi Community Flower Show, to be held Saturday, April 22.

Entries can be dropped off in Room 103 in the Agricultural Sciences Building, where the show will be held. Containers will be provided.

For more information, call the Environmental Horticultural Science Department at ext. 2279.

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Admission charged — ($) FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Open House: “Avenues of Innovation ... Roads to Discovery,” Cal Poly’s 2nd annual Open House. Through Saturday, April 22.

Music: Mark O’Connor will give a fiddle concert. Theatre, 8 p.m. ($) SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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Reading: Winners of the Creative Writing Contest will read their work. Sandwich Plant, 7 p.m.

Music: Festival of Bands, featuring Cal Poly Symphonic and Jazz bands. Theatre, 8 p.m. Also Sunday, April 23, with the Festival Symphonic Band, 2:30 p.m. ($) (Continued on page 4)
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SUNDAY, APRIL 23
Music: Festival of Bands, featuring the Festival Symphonic Band. Theatre, 2:30 pm. ($)

MONDAY, APRIL 24
Speakers: Don Ryujin (Psychology and Human Development) and Michelle Spomer (Cal Poly alum) will present "You Would Look Better If You Were Thinner" as part of the Women's Studies Lunch-Time Seminar series. Staff Dining Room, 12:10 pm.
Music: Joshua Redman, jazz saxophonist. Theatre, 8 pm. ($)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
Speaker: George Stanton (Test Office) will speak on "Assessing Student Outcomes" as part of the FIDO Brown Bag Lunch Series. Staff Dining Room, noon.
Music: Gyuto Tantric Choir - The Dalai Lama's Holy Choir. Theatre, 8 pm. ($)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
Speaker: Gary Kreps (Northern Illinois University) will talk on "Communication, Marginalization and Health Care." Ag Engineering 123, 7 pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
Panel: Joel Diringer (California Rural Legal Assistance), Shawn Burn (Psychology and Human Development), John McKinstry (Social Sciences), and Sonia Garcia (Political Science) will discuss "The Immigrant as Other." Business 213, 3 pm.
BBQ: Pre-Baseball-Game BBQ sponsored by Green and Gold and Running Thunder. Simshemer Park, 5:30 pm. ($)
Baseball: Sacramento State, 7:05 pm. Also Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, 1:05 pm. SLO Stadium. ($)
Dance and Music: Ballet Folklorico de Cal Poly, Danzantes de Aztlán of CSU Fresno, and Ballet Folklorico de Righetti High School will perform. Theatre, 8 pm. Also Saturday, April 29. ($)

Deadline approaching for fee waiver
Information and applications are available in Human Resources, Adm. 110, for eligible full- or permanent part-time employees who want to participate in the Fee Waiver Program.

Those who take courses under an approved program of career development, or have courses approved as work-related, may be eligible to attend Cal Poly classes at greatly reduced fees. Important deadlines for Summer Quarter 1995 are:

- **April 28** - Summer Quarter Class Schedule available.
- **May 5** - SSF forms available - Pay Fees.
- **May 15** - CAPTURE registration begins for staff.
- **May 26** - Last day to pay fees to avoid $25 late fee.
- **July 3** - Last day to submit fee waiver forms to Human Resources.

**CAPTURE ROTATION**

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Employees registered spring quarter will be mailed their SSF/fee waiver forms by May 5. Those not currently enrolled should contact Joan Lund, Human Resources, ext. 6563, e-mail du427@oasis.

Estate planning and more topic of PERS workshop
Planning Your Future Now, is the title of two-day seminars scheduled by the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

The first will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 10-11; the second is set for Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 13-14.

Designed to help employees make the transition to retirement, the workshop will cover estate, financial and tax planning; lifestyles for a healthy retirement; Social Security benefits; PERS benefits and options; and the Savings Plus Program.

PERS members and their spouses may attend by preregistration. The $75 employee fee includes the cost of class materials. Spouses fees are $37.50 and do not include the materials.

To register, send a PERS Financial Planning Seminar Registration form to the PERS Los Angeles Area Office. Attendance will be limited so early registration is recommended.

For a registration form, call Joyce Haratani of Human Resources at ext. 6562 or e-mail du426@oasis.

Position vacancies
More information and applications for the following staff positions are available from the appropriate human resources office. Faxed applications and resumes will not be accepted in lieu of official application.

**STATE** (Adm. 110, ext. 2236 or job line at ext. 1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm of the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date.

CANCELED
Evaluator I, Academic Records.
CLOSING DATE: April 28
Supervising Custodian (Admin. I), Facility Services, $1657-$4068/mo., $375/mo.

**ASI (University Union, ext. 5807)**
CLOSING DATE: May 10
Head Teacher: ASI Children’s Center, $1452-$1662/month.

**FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, ext. 1533).** All Foundation applications must be received by 5 pm of the closing date.

**DATE:** Position will be open until filled. Review of applicants will begin May 5
Director of Advancement, College of Business, $2761-$5889/mo. salary commensurate with experience. Responsible for the development and implementation of an advancement program for the College of Business.

CLOSING DATE: Position will be opened until filled. Review of applicants will begin May 5
Director of Special Events and Donor Relations, University Advancement, $1657-$4068/mo. Reports to vice president for university advancement. Works directly with the president and president’s wife in planning, organizing, and coordinating special events, conferences and meetings.

CLOSING DATE: May 12
Programmer Analyst Positions Available, CAD Research Center, $2972-$3715. Full-time benefited position(s), and part-time hourly, non-benefited positions available. Part-time positions will be hired under a pool concept to work when needed.