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Baseball: Fullerton, SLO Stadium, 3 pm ($)
Women's Tennis: UC Davis, Tennis Courts, 1:30 pm
Women's Tennis: Cal Poly, Tennis Courts, 2 pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
Pre-Opera Party: Studio Art Club's One Fine Evening Party (former "Madama Butterfly") University Art Gallery, 5:30 pm ($)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Women's Tennis: 1st, Portland, Tennis Courts, 8:30 am
Men's Tennis: Claremont, 8:30 am
Westminster, 1:30 pm
Tennis Courts.

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**Magic School Bus musical to play April 3**

Children of all ages are sure to enjoy the adventures in the original musical production "Arnold’s Favorite Field Trip," set to play at 7 pm Friday, April 3, in the Performing Arts Center’s Coban Center.

Based on public television’s award-winning "The Magic School Bus" series and best-selling books by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen, the play is packed with learning as well as musical fun. The story begins as an ordinary field trip on the Magic School Bus, but the outing turns into an adventure. As the bus’s "puckeringback retroflag" malfunctions and Arnold accidently activates the "shrinkin Calit" the class is "shrink" to the size of Pillsicles — right before the audience’s eyes.

Later, trapped in Arnold’s locked pantry, the miniature students must use what they’ve learned about bridges to escape through an opening (dressed above a huge banana cream pie) and return to normal size.

This Cal Poly Arts event will play in Harman Hall. Tickets cost $8 to $20.

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**Jazz Bands, Combos to play ‘Just Jazz’**

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The event, called Just Jazz, was added to the lineup by Howard Sosa, Senate Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee Chair. He said the event was "an idea that worked" and will be held annually.

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**‘Enabling Environments’ topic of FIDO talk**

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The event is part of the Faculty In- structional Development Office Brown-Bag Lunch Series.

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**Get facts about CETI**

The campus is urged to get in- formed about the California Education Technology Initiative (CETI), a planned partnership between the CSU and four technology firms to create, improve, and continually update com- munication technology throughout the system. Faculty, staff, and student opinions are solicited and should be forwarded to Jerry Hanley, vice pro- fessor, Information Technology Ser- vices (ext. 6-2966 or e-mail jhanley). Complete information is on the CETI home page: http://ceti.calstate.edu.

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**Studio Art Club plans pre-opera party**

The Cal Poly Studio Art Club is planning a pre-opera party in the University Art Gallery in the Dexter Building before the Friday, March 13, performance of "Madam Butterfly.""The One Fine Evening Party will run from 5:30 to 7:30 and include snacks of sushi, pizza and Italian bread. A price drawing for student and staff art and crafts will be held.

Party goers will also have the opportu- nity to view the latest gallery show of American jewelry and precious metal designs.

The cost to attend the party is $10, which will benefit the art student schol- arship fund. The deadline for reserva- tions is noon Tuesday, March 10. "Madam Butterfly" is being per- formed at 8 pm by the Pacific Repertory Opera and special guest singers in the Performing Arts Center's Harman Hall. Tickets are $17 to $45.

For more information, call Henry Wessels at ext. 6-1564 or 541-2212 or Jane Riggles at ext. 562.

The University Art Gallery is open from 11 am to 4 pm daily plus Wednesday- day evenings from 7 to 9 pm.

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**Gallery Exhibits:**

University Art Gallery: "Explorations: An Invitational Exhibit of Forms in Metal" through March 16.

NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING STAFF EMPLOYEE AWARD

ELIGIBILITY
Nominees must be full-time or part-time employees of the university, Foundation or Associated Students Inc. who are in at least their third year of employment at Cal Poly and not represented by bargaining unit 3. Former recipients of the award are ineligible to receive it again. Below is a list of the recipients who are still active employees and the year that they received the award:

- Al Amaral 1985
- Debbie Arseneau 1989
- Wanda Bolt 1992
- Rosemary Bowker 1993
- Debbie Brothwell 1993
- Lee Brown 1987
- Ron Christensen 1990
- Janet Carlstrom 1990
- Barbara Cieslowski 1991
- Joan Cirone 1981
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- Connie Davis 1994
- George Enriquez 1996
- Francesca Fairbrother 1995
- Larry Grimes 1983
- Cindy Jelinek 1996
- Norman Johnson 1983
- Frank Kassak 1982
- Gary Ketchum 1987
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- Dale Lackore 1980
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- Jadi Pinkerton 1988
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French Morgan
Chair, Outstanding Staff Employee Award Selection Committee
Biological Sciences

Deadline for Nominations: April 3, 1998
1997-98 OUTSTANDING STAFF EMPLOYEE

NOMINEE'S NAME:__________________________________________

DEPARTMENT IN WHICH NOMINEE WORKS:_______________________

NAME OF NOMINEE'S SUPERVISOR:_____________________________

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NOMINATOR'S NAME:______________________________________

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Michele Myers
2nd year architecture student

Editor’s Note:

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CLOSING DATE: April 15
#35066: Lecturer Pool (part-time), Political Science Department (Adv. 756-2084). Department is establishing pool of applicants for possible part-time positions positions summer, fall, winter, and spring quarters 1998-99 to teach lower or upper division courses. Specialist in American politics, global politics, and public administration needed. M.P.A., M.A. or Ph.D. in political science required. Apply to Chair, Political Science Department.

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New panel to improve planning, communication

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He urged UPBAC members to make every effort to communicate with their constituents.

The council will coordinate with other planning bodies, including the Cal Poly Planning Steering Committee, the Information Resource Management Policy and Planning Committee, and the Campus Planning Committee, which retains responsibility for planning physical changes.

Four new members have been seated on the panel’s part of its reformulation: Vice Provost for Information Technology Jerry Hanley, ASI representative Dan Geis replacing Jason Brooks, ASI...