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The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra will perform in concert under the direction of its founder, Music Professor Clifton Swanson, at 3 p.m. June 4 in the Theatre Arts Building.

The program will include Ludwig van Beethoven’s Symphony No. 2 and Charles Ives’ “The Unanswered Question” for Small Orchestra.

Tickets cost $5 for students and senior citizens and $8 for the public.

CPR Schedule

The last spring quarter issue of the Cal Poly Report will be June 7.

During the summer, the Report comes out every other week. Please remember the deadline: 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before you want it to appear.

Ticket items to palyosw@gmail.com, fax as ext. 6-6533, or mail to Public Affairs, Horon Hall. For more information, call ext. 6-1111.

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Cal Poly included in Sun business program

Cal Poly is one of two U.S. universities and one of six worldwide selected for a Sun Microsystems program that will allow graduate business students to begin their own e-ventures.

Under the Sun Camps incubator program, selected business graduate students will be provided a technical infrastructure to develop e-business ideas. Sun will pick five business plans from every university in the program, based on recommendations from faculty members and involved capital firms.

Each selected business plan will receive six months of free access to a “Sun incubation facility” — not yet developed at Cal Poly — that will foster some of the latest in Sun technology, giving the students a jump-start on their ventures.

The other campuses taking part in the program are the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, India; Northwestern University, Illinois; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Peking University, Beijing; and the Ixix Business School, Oxford. Sun plans to add other universities to the program in the future.

Children’s Center enrolling for summer, fall

The ASI Children’s Center is taking applications for its summer school program and its developmental kindergarten and pre-kindergarten program, which begins in September.

For more information, call ext. 6-1267.

English Professor Clark to talk on writing poetry

In a presentation titled “Building Room of Their Own,” English Professor Kevin Clark will talk Thursday (May 25) about how he helps students find their own poetic voices and move toward greater mastery of the craft of poetry writing. Clark’s presentation, part of the English Department’s “What Else We Do” series, will be 11 a.m.-noon in Room 287 in Fisher Science Hall.

In the talk, he will draw in part on an essay he wrote for The AWP Chronicle, a publication of the Associated Writers Programs, about the role creative writing plays in the English curriculum.


His new volume of poetry, tentatively titled “The Gift,” is being published by New Issues Press and is expected out in late 2001.

“Building Room of Their Own” is a monthly series that showcases the research, professional activity and creative projects of the English Department faculty. Short, informal presentations are followed by discussion.

For more information, call the English Department at ext. 6-2597 or series organizer Debora Schwartz at ext. 2636.

Ticket Information

Tickets to the performances listed in this issue’s Special Report are available at all the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Brademburg Hall, Room 101, 3 p.m. June 13.

For more information, call Vivian Steele, Extended Education, at ext. 26003.

Wind Orchestras to play “Down Under Tour Celebration”

“Down Under Tour Celebration,” the Music Department’s Spring Concert on June 3, will feature a blend of traditional and contemporary works.

Billed as a celebration of the Wind Orchestras’ coming tour of New Zealand and Australia, the concert is slated for 8 p.m. in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

Tony Cliffton, well-known virtuoso tuba player, will be the evening’s featured soloist, playing Edward Gregson’s Concerto for Tuba and Wind Orchestra. He also has a musical surprise planned for the audience.

Wind Orchestra II will open the concert with James Curmow’s “Fantasia and Flourishes” and the final movement, titled “Hebbin’s,” of Johan de Meij’s Symphony No. 1, “Lord of the Rings,” based on the Tolkien trilogy.

Professor David Rackley will conduct the world premiere of his most recent work for wind orchestra, “Three Seconds.”

The Black Warrior Wind Orchestra under the direction of Steve Luefer will perform Symphonic No. 3, Op. 89, by James Barnes.

“This will be one of the most significant and moving events ever performed by the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra,” said Music Professor and conductor William Johnson.

Johnson said that the Wind Orchestras is committed to its journey Down Under, “but it is still in the process of completing its fund-raising campaign.”

“With more than 70 percent of the money raised, the group still needs almost $40,000 more to pay for its two-week journey to New Zealand and Australia beginning June 15,” Johnson said. “Our friends back in Australia have been very good to us, but we must find additional support.”

Tickets, made payable to the Cal Poly Wind Orchestras, can be sent to Campaign 2000, Music Department.

Tickets to the concert cost $7 to $15.

The event is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and ASI.

For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-3667.

Horticulture students win national landscape contest

Fioriculture’s version of the “Final Four” occurred in April, and Cal Poly’s team returned to San Luis Obispo as national champions.

The competition consisted of 30 different classes of floral products, fresh flowers, flowering plants and foliage plants, of which 8,199 points out of a possible 9,000 were earned.

Students also competed in an optional category in which flowers placed second in an asymmetrical triangle design. Von Wingerde placed third in that same category.

Cal Poly plans to host the 60th intercollegiate competition in April 2001.
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A month after waiting for the official results from the Landscape Contractors of America Student Career Days competition, it was announced that Cal Poly Pomona finished in first place. This is the team's 12th win in the past 14 years and the fifth win in a row. The team of Cal Poly Pomona finished first out of second place. The competition was held at Mississippi State University in April.

The 2000 Cal Poly Pomona team had four environmental science students. They are senior Bryan Ashby, who took second place "superstar," sophomore Megan Barnes, senior Damon Cockerm, senior Mike Jacott, sophomores Erik Jones and Lorna Kreutz, and seniors Jennifer Mainel, Eric Martin, Carrie McDonald, Chris Rhodes and Jessica Tatejign.

The students were coached by professors and judges, Bob Gish, Mike Zeilins and Dan Lassanske.

Forty-six schools with more than 650 students competed.

Retirement reception set for Gish

Bob Gish, founder and director of the Ethnics Studies Department, is retiring at the end of spring quarter. A retirement reception is planned in his honor from 3 to 5 p.m. June 6 in the Surgeon Eye Center. Gish, who has been at Cal Poly since 1975, is a widely published fiction writer and skeptic of the American West and ethnic studies.

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Information on Cal Poly Arts events can be found on the website at www.calpolylife.com.
Position vacancies

Below are all the new, previously unadvertised at research competition positions.

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Stewart Uyeda won first place in the undergraduate Humanities and Letters category for his presentation on "The Imaginative Elegance of Simayoa's Maximen Maximus Reconstructor: Recovering a Lost American Gem." In all, Cal Poly was represented by eight students in the competition.

James Badia, a mechanical engineering senior, won second place in the undergraduate Engineering and Computer Science category for a presentation on single-track vehicle design.

Uyeda's faculty advisor was Music Professor Craig Russell, and Badia's was Mechanical Engineering Professor Bill Patterson.

The systemwide research competition, initialed in 1985, features the work of undergraduate students and recent alumni from all academic disciplines.

Approximately 175 students from 21 CSU campuses submitted written papers and oral presentations before juries of experts from corporations, foundations, public agencies, and California universities.

The judges awarded the top honors in the competition as follows:

- Top honors in the Humanities and Letters category went to Stewart Uyeda, a mechanical engineering senior, for his research on "The Imaginative Elegance of Simayoa's Maximen Maximus Reconstructor: Recovering a Lost American Gem." The judges cited Uyeda's presentation as "an excellent and well-documented research project that significantly contributes to the understanding of a very important cultural artifact." Uyeda's advisor was Music Professor Craig Russell.

- Top honors in the Engineering and Computer Science category were awarded to James Badia, a mechanical engineering senior, for his research on single-track vehicle design. The judges noted Badia's presentation as "a well-conceived and well-executed project that demonstrates excellent problem-solving skills and innovative thinking." Badia's advisor was Mechanical Engineering Professor Bill Patterson.

Additionally, the following students were also honored:

- Second place in the Humanities and Letters category went to Joseph Johnson, a physics senior, for his research on "The Evolution of the Sun." Johnson's advisor was Physics Professor John Rowland.

- Second place in the Engineering and Computer Science category went to Sarah Lee, an electrical engineering sophomore, for her research on "Optimization of Microchip Design." Lee's advisor was Electrical Engineering Professor John Miller.

- Third place in the Humanities and Letters category went to Sarah Brown, a sociology junior, for her research on "The Impact of Social Media on Youth Mental Health." Brown's advisor was Sociology Professor Linda Smith.

- Third place in the Engineering and Computer Science category went to John Doe, a computer science senior, for his research on "Innovative Algorithms for Data Mining." Doe's advisor was Computer Science Professor Jane Smith.

Student plans memorial 4-mile run-walk

Recruitment administration senior Katie Beals, College of Business, College of Business Administration, believes that "it's time that we all can celebrate her life together before we go our separate ways." The 9 a.m. ceremony will be for the colleges of Agriculture, Liberal Arts, and Science and Mathematics plus the University Center for Teacher Education and the Statewide Nursing Program. The colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Business, and Engineering will gather at 2 p.m.

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