Cal Poly Architecture Students to Showcase Thesis Designs at "Coalesce"
Exhibition May 26-28

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly fifth-year architecture students will exhibit their design-studio thesis work on campus during "Coalesce," one of the largest architecture and design exhibitions between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The exhibit begins Friday, May 26, with an opening reception from 3 to 6 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium in the University Union. It continues over Memorial Day weekend, May 27-28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The event is free and open to the public.

The event culminates a year of thesis work by more than 180 graduating architecture students, who were allowed to choose their own topics from the Cal Poly architecture program's many options. The result is a remarkable array of imaginative and diverse projects.

"This thesis project offers students an opportunity to develop their own voice in design, in architecture and in society," said Kent McDonald, architecture lecturer.

"Coalesce" will feature student designs for furniture, affordable housing, urban areas, airports and other projects. Proposed project sites span the globe from the town of Guadalupe in Santa Barbara County to Tongchuan, China.

The architecture student club, Alpha Rho Chi, and a committee of architecture students are organizing the exhibition with the help of Architecture Department faculty. Alumni and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Foundation will also provide support. For information call (805) 748-8330 or visit http://architectureshow.calpoly.edu. And for more on the department go to www.arch.calpoly.edu.

Note to Editors:
Reporters, photographers and television crews are invited to cover the opening of the exhibit. A pre-event tour for media only takes place May 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. An electronic graphic is available upon request. Please contact Ray Ladd at (805) 756-7432 or rladd@calpoly.edu.

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