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Cal Poly Faculty and Staff to Read Love-Themed Poetry Feb. 13

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Eight Cal Poly faculty and staff members will present a reading of love-themed poetry at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, in the Business Building Rotunda (Room 213).

Proceeds from the event, titled “LoverSpeak,” will help pay the production costs of “Byzantium 2006,” the English Department’s annual literary magazine.

Featured readers will include Ginger Adcock-Hendrix of the English Department; Elie Axelroth, Health and Counseling Services; Byzantium advisor Kevin Clark, English; Lisa Coffman, English; Mary Kay Harrington, Writing Skills Center; Todd Pierce, English; Carl Wooton; English.

Biographies for several of the poets, many of whom are published poets and writers, are on the English Department Web site: http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/engl/faculty.html.

“Byzantium” is a student-produced literary magazine published annually as a senior project for two English seniors and one art and design senior. This year’s co-editors are Jessica Barba and Shawn MaGee; art director is Alex Chrisman. The three students are responsible for the entire process of producing the magazine -- from raising funds, to choosing design, editing the text, and selling the magazine.

The poetry and fiction published in the magazine are written by the winners of the English Department’s Annual Creative Writing Contest, held winter quarter. The magazine will premiere and go on sale during Open House weekend, April 22. A celebratory reading will be held during Open House in honor of the Creative Writing Contest winners.

The suggested donation for the Feb. 13 poetry reading is $5. For more information, contact English Professor Kevin Clark at 756-2506 or kclark@calpoly.edu.

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