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DATELINE

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Exhibits

UU Gallery: “A Life Through Tarot,” painting by student Rachelle Kam, through May 31

University Art Gallery (Dexter): **Dan Piel Retrospective**, through June 4

Wednesday, May 19

Music: Jill Cohn, BackStage Pizza, 11am
Student piano recital: Davidson 218, 7:30pm

Thursday, May 20

Rally: “Support the Troops,” Dexter Lawn, 11am

Speaker: **Robert Bettinger** on hunter-gatherers, Business 213, 7pm

Play: “The Glass Menagerie,” Theatre, 8pm \$

Friday, May 21

Poetry slam: Bullhorn Collective, Harman Hall, 7pm \$

Senior recital: Valerie Laxson, lyric soprano, PAC Pavilion, 7:30pm

Play: “The Glass Menagerie,” Theatre, 8pm \$

Saturday, May 22

Culture Fest: “Tapestry of Tradition,” SLO Mission Plaza, 10am-2pm

Extreme sports, music: ASI’s **BMX & Band Blowout**, parking lot H-16, noon

Senior recital: Jordan Ray, euphonium, Davidson 218, 2pm

Jazz clinic: With Jon Jang, Davidson 216, 3pm

Minor recital: Michael Andrion, bass clarinet; Jeralee Anderson, bassoon, Davidson 218, 5pm

Swing dance: Main Street Big Band, Chumash, lessons 7pm, dance 8pm \$

Jazz Night: University Jazz Bands with Jon Jang, Harman Hall, 8pm \$

Play: “The Glass Menagerie,” Theatre, 8pm \$

Sunday, May 23

Cal Poly Symphony: “Swanson’s Swan Song” Concert, Harman Hall, 2pm \$

Monday, May 24

Comedy: **Dave Chapelle**, Rec Center, 8pm \$ □

PolyComm info session in UU Plaza Thursday

Representatives from the Oracle Corp. will join Cal Poly employees and students in the UU Plaza from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday (May 20) to help inform the campus and answer questions about the [PolyComm e-mail and calendar system](#) scheduled to be implemented this fall. Free prize drawings will be part of the event.

An information forum will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. – and repeated 1-2 p.m. – June 3 in UU 220 on the new Oracle calendar and e-mail systems, specifically on how PolyComm’s Oracle Collaboration Suite e-mail system will connect to the Oracle Calendar using the Oracle Outlook Connector.

[Project information](#) is also available at <http://polycomm.calpoly.edu/>. □

President’s Service Awards ceremony 2 p.m. Tuesday

The campus is welcome to attend the 18th Annual [President’s Service Awards](#) ceremony, beginning at 2 p.m. Tuesday (May 25) in Chumash Auditorium.

The awards, granted annually by President Baker and the Community Center, part of Student Life and Leadership, honor the spirit of civic involvement and contributions that have improved the quality of life in the community, both on campus and off.

The award categories recognize innovation, contributions, emerging leaders and Greek contributions. Special awards are also given to community partners.

Anyone who would like to attend can reserve a space by e-mailing [Charlene Rosales](#) in Student Community Services at croales@calpoly.edu. For more information, call Rosales at ext. 6749. □

Homecoming is Oct. 15-17

The 2004 Homecoming weekend has been set for Oct. 15-17, with a theme of “How the Great West Was Won.”

Details are on the [Homecoming Web site](#), www.homecoming.calpoly.edu. □

Firm donates \$500,000 for lab in new CM building

Simpson Strong-Tie, one of the largest suppliers of structural building connectors in the world, has [donated \\$500,000](#) to help fund a laboratory in the new building that will house the Construction Management Department.

The Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Laboratory will be the largest element in the building’s Center for Construction Excellence.

Students in several disciplines will be able to use the 5,000-square-foot lab to design, build and test a variety of structural components. The Materials Demonstration Lab will support activities of four adjoining labs in the center, where students will gain hands-on experience with fundamentals of construction management and with residential, commercial and heavy/civil construction.

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design is working to raise \$7.5 million in private gifts to help fund the new building. The college will receive \$17 million in state funds for the project. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 2005, with completion in the fall of 2007.

“The new demonstration laboratory is designed to provide an interactive learning environment for students that can simulate ‘real-world’ projects, from the construction of roads to structural seismic mitigation that will protect homes and buildings from the forces of nature, including earthquakes and high winds,” said Construction Management Department Head Allan Hauck. □

Reception set for May 26 for Deby Anderson

The campus is invited to a retirement reception for Deby Anderson, commuter and access services coordinator for University Police, from 2 to 4 p.m. May 26 in the Police Station.

Anderson’s last day working on campus will be May 28. □

EE student wins first in CSU research contest

A Cal Poly electrical engineering senior won first place in the undergraduate division of the engineering and computer science category of the CSU's recent 2004 [Student Research Competition](#).

Sarah Ahrendes won for her paper "Design of High-Density, Light-Weight DC-DC Power Converter."

A computer science graduate student and an undergraduate physics student each won a second-place award in their respective categories. Ching Kang Cheng of Singapore won second in the graduate division of the engineering and computer science category for his research on "Ontology-Based Semantic Classification of Unstructured Documents." Physics senior Christopher France took second in the undergraduate division of the physical and mathematical sciences category for his paper "Theoretical Investigations of Polymer-Blend Solar Cells."

This year's competition took place at Cal State Northridge. Six Cal Poly students were among the 200-some competitors, also including biology senior Eugenia L. Hurlbut, business administration senior Robert Rendler and physical science senior Jeff Sevadjian. □

Donations sought for Iraqi children

A [donation drive for Iraqi children](#) is under way, organized by a group of English students in connection with the nonprofit Operation Give organization.

Toys and necessities will be collected through May 29 in the UU Community Service Center, the Campus Market, El Corral, department offices and Rite-Aid drug stores. Acceptable items include stuffed animals, soccer balls, school supplies, art supplies, clothing and personal and baby care items.

For more information, contact [Jessica Peterson](#) at ext. 0820 or poly_gives@yahoo.com. □

New exercise equipment

New cardiovascular and weight-lifting equipment is scheduled to arrive in the Rec Center near the end of finals week. The 27 new pieces are designed with biomechanical technology to assure correct body alignment. □

Academic Senators for 2004-2006 elected

The Academic Senate recently concluded elections for 2004-2006 academic senators. All senators for the 2004-2005 term are listed here by college. Senators elected for the 2004-2006 term (to 2007 for statewide senate) are shown in bold type.

- Agriculture (seven representatives, two vacancies): Jim Ahern, Agribusiness; John Beckett, Animal Science; **Dave Hannings**, Horticulture and Crop Science; **John Harris**, Natural Resources Management; Wayne Howard, Agribusiness.

- Architecture and Environmental Design (five representatives, one vacancy): Kevin Dong, Architectural Engineering; Gregg Doyle, City and Regional Planning; **Bruno Giberti**, Architecture; Jonathan Reich, Architecture.

- Orfalea College of Business (five representatives): **John Dobson**, Finance; **Mike Geringer**, Management; **Ken Griggs**, Management; Zaf Iqbal, Accounting; Rosemary Wild, Management.

- Engineering (seven representatives): **Jim Harris**, Electrical Engineering; **Mei-Ling Liu**, Computer Science; **Jim LoCascio**, Mechanical Engineering; **Len Myers**, Computer Science; Nirupam Pal, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Jin Tso, Aerospace Engineering; Dan Waldorf, Industrial Engineering; Unny Menon (statewide), Industrial Engineering.

- Liberal Arts (nine representatives, two vacancies): **Francisco Flores**, Philosophy; **Terry Jones**, Social Sciences; Malcolm Keif, Graphic Communication; **Gary Laver**, Psychology and Child Development; **Enrica Lovaglio**, Art and Design; **Paul Rinzler**, Music; Lisa Sweatt, Psychology and Child Development; Manzar Foroohar (statewide), History.

- Science and Mathematics (eight representatives, two vacancies): Susan Elrod, Biological Sciences; **Harvey Greenwald**, Mathematics; Chris Kitts, Biological Sciences; Susan Puhl, Kinesiology; **Andrew Schaffner**, Statistics; Nanine Van Draanen, Chemistry and Biochemistry; **Myron Hood** (statewide), Mathematics.

- Professional Consultative Services (five representatives): **Navjit Brar**, Library; **Lynne Gamble**, Library; Stacey Breitenbach, Engineering Advising Center; Cindy Jelinek, Science and Mathematics Advising Center; **Frank Vuotto**, Library.

- University Center for Teacher Education (one representative): Elaine Chin. □

Position Vacancies

STATE The official listing of staff vacancies is posted on Cal Poly's [online employment system](#), www.calpolyjobs.org. To apply, go to that site and complete the online application. Applicants needing computer/Internet access and/or assistance may contact **Human Resources** at ext. 2236 for information on available resources.

#100315-Communications Technician Pool (Equipment Maintenance Assistant), ITS, Communications & Computing Services, intermittent on call through 6/30/05, \$15.69-\$20.67/hour. Closes May 26.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7107.) All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)

General Accounting Clerk, Accounting & Business Services, \$11.05-\$16.02/hour. Open until filled; review begins May 28.

Trust & Endowment Assistant, Accounting & Business Services, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled; review begins May 28. □

'Best' students honored with Land Family awards

Seven students have been named the 2004 recipients of the [Land Family "Quest for the Best" Award](#). The award recognizes students who have achieved excellence in balancing academic pursuits with community service, exemplifying stewardship, collaboration, integrity and community.

Business student Dianne Hardcastle won the honor for her college, as well as the highest honor, the universitywide award, and will receive the equivalent of one year's tuition.

Receiving college honors at a May 16 ceremony were Marcos Ruiz, Agriculture; Michelle Glueckert, Architecture and Environmental Design; Laurel Koester, Engineering; Olga Berdial, ASI; Heidi Schawel, Liberal Arts; and Jennifer Yost, Science and Mathematics. □

Report deadline to be early for June 2 issue

The deadline for the June 2 *Cal Poly Report* will be 4 p.m. Thursday, May 27, because of the Memorial Day holiday May 31.

Except when holidays intervene, articles should be e-mailed to polynews@calpoly.edu by 4 p.m. the Friday before Wednesday publication, and always with the subject line "For Cal Poly Report." For more information, call ext. 1511. □