

# CAL POLY Report

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## DATELINE

### Exhibits

**UU Galerie:** "A Sense of Place," through June 6.

**University Art Gallery:** "In Her Image," May 15-June 10. Panel discussion, 6:30 pm, reception, 8 pm, both May 15.

### Thursday, May 14

**Speaker:** Debora Schwartz (English), "Arthurian Nightmares ... and Why They Matter," Fisher Science 286, 11 am.

**Sunset Run:** 5-K campus run/walk, Rec Center plaza, 6 pm. (\$)

**Speaker:** Matt Taecker, "Urban Centers and Rural Edges: Livable Alternatives for California's Growth," Business Rotunda, 7 pm.

**Play:** "A Streetcar Named Desire," Theatre, 8 pm. Also May 15-16 and May 21-23. (\$)

### Friday, May 15

**Storytelling:** "America Reads@Cal Poly," for grade school children and families, Library, 4 pm.

**Play:** "A Streetcar Named Desire," Theatre, 8 pm. Also May 16 and May 21-23. (\$)

### Saturday, May 16

**Dance:** Cal Poly Ballroom Dance Club, SLO Senior Citizens Center, 7:30 pm.

**Music:** Spring Concert — Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and William Spiller (Music), Cohan Center, 8 pm. (\$)

**Play:** "A Streetcar Named Desire," Theatre, 8 pm. Also May 21-23. (\$)

### Monday, May 18

**Speaker:** Ronald Takaki, "The Coming Multicultural Millennium," Chumash, 7 pm.

### Tuesday, May 19

**Learn-at-Lunch:** Cleone Van Westen (SLO County Genealogical Society), "How to Begin a Great Genealogical Treasure Hunt," Staff Dining Room, noon.

**Music:** Student piano recital, Davidson Music Center 218, 7:30 pm.

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## Staff Council committee wins Diversity Award

The Staff Council Cultural Awareness Committee has received the 1998 President's Diversity Award for the second consecutive year, following the unanimous recommendation of the diversity award selection committee.

William Bailey, chair of the selection committee, said that "the commitment and leadership that Staff Council continues to demonstrate in support of multiculturalism and a diverse campus climate is outstanding and worthy of recognition."

The Staff Council committee, co-chaired by Bonnie Krupp and Gail Simmons, has sponsored a wide variety of events, including a workshop designed to increase participants' awareness of cultural values. The group also sponsored a workshop — an "experiment in discrimination" — that was designed to aggressively challenge notions of prejudice and discrimination.

The committee has also written a "Staff Council Diversity Statement," which is being promoted campuswide.

In announcing the award, President Baker applauded the Staff Council Cul-

tural Awareness Committee for its unflagging dedication to cultural diversity.

"At a time when it is easy to become discouraged," Baker said, "the Staff Council Cultural Awareness Committee has persevered in its dedication to enlarging our understanding and appreciation of the importance of cultural diversity."

"It is through the vision and selfless efforts of individuals and groups like the Cultural Awareness Committee that we will continue to make progress toward a campus and a society in which the value of cultural diversity is recognized and celebrated," Baker said.

Krupp, of Institutional Planning and Analysis, said, "I'm really proud to be associated with this committee. The events that we've sponsored this year and the Staff Council Diversity Statement didn't happen by magic. People are committed."

Simmons, in Agricultural Education and Communication, said, "This committee has worked very hard to promote diversity at every level. I'm very proud of this effort." □

## Construction on pipeline to begin late May

Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of May on a water transmission pipeline that runs through campus along California Boulevard, up Mt. Bishop Road, and along Stenner Creek Road.

The City of San Luis Obispo operates the pipeline, which delivers water from the city's Stenner Canyon Reservoir to customers at the university and in the downtown area. The pipeline has provided service for more than 40 years, and it is now essential the city replace it.

Work along California Boulevard and the Poly Grove area will not begin before June 15. Work in the Stenner Creek Road area is to occur during the summer and fall, when water flows in the creek are at their lowest.

Because of the extensive work to be done in Poly Grove, the area is scheduled to be closed indefinitely beginning June 15.

For more information, contact Deby Ryan at ext. 6-6806. □

## Open forum to explore Foundation operations

The Academic Senate Budget and Long Range Planning Committee will hold an open forum on Thursday, May 21, with Foundation executives Al Amaral and Robert Griffin to learn more about that unit's operations and policies.

Faculty and staff are invited to the forum, scheduled from 3 to 5 pm in Room 231 in the Erhart Agriculture Building.

For more information, call or e-mail Myron Hood, ext. 6-2352 or mhood@calpoly.edu. □



## 'Arthurian Nightmares' topic of May 14 talk

English professor Debora Schwartz will speak on "Arthurian Nightmares ... and Why They Matter," on Thursday, May 14, as part of "What Else We Do: An English Department Faculty Forum."

Schwartz's presentation, from 11 am to noon in Fisher Science 286, is based on a paper presented recently at the 33rd International Congress for Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Discussion will follow the talk.

For more information, contact the English department at ext. 6-2597 or series organizer Schwartz, ext. 6-2636. □

## Urban designer, planner to speak May 14

An urban designer and planner with experience developing physical plans and policy frameworks for neighborhoods and towns across the country will talk on Thursday, May 14.

Matt Taecker, a senior associate at Calthorpe Associates in Berkeley, will talk on "Urban Centers and Rural Edges: Livable Alternatives for California's Growth" from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Business Building's Rotunda.

He will talk about how California's growth rate and sprawling settlement pattern threaten the "good life," and will present realistic solutions to the problem.

Taecker's work blends the needs of cars and contemporary households with the "common sense" form of traditional neighborhoods. He works with both public agencies and private developers to establish livable and sustainable communities where shopping, housing, jobs, and transit are linked in a pedestrian-friendly environment.

The lecture is part of the 1998 Hearst Lecture Series sponsored by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. For more information, call the college Advancement Office at ext. 6-5138. □

## Women engineers to hold workshop for students

In an effort to expand opportunities and career options for San Luis Obispo area high school and junior high school students, the College of Engineering and Women's Engineering Program will conduct a "Building an Engineer" workshop on Friday, May 15.

Made possible by a state Lottery Fund grant, the event will give non-traditional students an early introduction to engineering.

The students include girls, non-honors students, and educationally or economically disadvantaged students who might not consider engineering as a career option. Approximately 60 Central Coast students and 10 teachers are expected to attend the 9 am to 3 pm workshop.

Under the direction of Sema Alptekin of the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department, they will build a "smart car" using technologies from computer science, electronics, mechanical design, and industrial engineering.

Faculty members Jeff Sczechowski and Katy Anderson will teach an environmental engineering lab, and professor Abe Lynn will lead activities in architectural engineering.

For more information, contact Liz Schlemmer, director, Women's Engineering Program, ext. 6-2350, or Jennifer Heaviside or Rachel Kozdon, workshop coordinators, ext. 6-2350. The three can also be reached by e-mail to lschleme@calpoly.edu, jheavis@calpoly.edu, or rkozdon@calpoly.edu. □

## 'Bike to Work' week set for May 18-22

Faculty and staff can win prizes by riding a bike to work during California "Bike to Work" week Monday through Friday, May 18-22.

To be eligible to win, employees must pledge to bike at least one day that week. Pledge forms are available at Public Safety Services and will be included in issues of the Telegram-Tribune and New Times during Bike to Work week. To receive a pledge form in the mail, call Commuter Services at ext. 6-6680.

In honor of the week and to promote "Try Transit" week, also in May, Rideshare "Registry" members will earn extra bonus points May 18-22 for biking or taking the bus.

Cal Poly's Commuter Services office, in conjunction with the Regional Rideshare office, is sponsoring Bike to Work week.

For more information or to join the Rideshare Registry program, call Commuter Services. □

## Send items by May 18 for spring Credit Report

Monday, May 18, is the deadline to submit items for the spring quarter edition of The Credit Report, a newsletter of faculty and staff professional accomplishments.

When submitting news, please keep in mind that items should be about significant accomplishments clearly related — and in most cases that means directly related — to a faculty member's teaching or a staff member's job at Cal Poly.

Mail items (typed and double-spaced, please) to Jo Ann Lloyd, Communications Office, Heron Hall; fax them to ext. 6-6533; or e-mail to olynews@polymail. Please be sure to include a phone number in case we have questions.

For more information or a copy of the guidelines, call ext. 6-1511. □

## Writer to read, speak

Fiction author Sheila Ballantyne will be on campus to read from her work and talk about how her novel "Imaginary Crimes" became a Hollywood film.

Her talk, presented by WriterSpeak and the Lyceum series, will begin at 7 pm Thursday, May 21, and her reading, also at 7 pm, is set for Friday, May 22. Both events will be in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center.

Ballantyne has written several novels, including "Norma Jean the Termite Queen," "Inscriptions," and "Imaginary Crimes."

The events are sponsored by Cal Poly Arts, the English Department, and the College of Liberal Arts.

For more information, call Adam Hill, English professor and director of WriterSpeak, at ext. 6-1622. □

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**Thursday, May 21** (Continued from page 1)  
**Music:** Student recital, Davidson Music Center 218, 11 am.

**Lyceum:** Sheila Ballantyne, "Imaginary Crimes: From Little Novel to Hollywood Film," Cohan Center's Philips Hall, 7 pm.

**Play:** "A Streetcar Named Desire," Theatre, 8 pm. Also May 22-23. (\$) )

**Friday, May 22**  
**WriterSpeak and Lyceum:** Sheila Ballantyne, "Imaginary Crimes: From Little Novel to Hollywood Film," Cohan Center's Philips Hall, 7 pm. **Play:** "A Streetcar Named Desire," Theatre, 8 pm. Also May 23. (\$) )



## Two students win firsts in CSU research contest

A Cal Poly engineering graduate student and a physics senior won cash prizes and took first places at the CSU Student Research Competition.

Approximately 200 students from 22 CSU campuses submitted papers and made oral presentations to experts from major California corporations, foundations, public agencies, and universities.

Rick Burnes took first in the graduate-level engineering and computer science category for his research project in mechanical engineering titled, "Investigation of Ten Degree Axisymmetric Thrust Vected Nozzle Exhaust Plume Angles for the F-15."

Dustin Froula won first place in the undergraduate-level physical and mathematical sciences category for his physics research project, "Ultra Fast Diagnostics of Sonoluminescence."

Other Cal Poly students in the year's competition at Chico State were Frank Bartucci, an ag grad student; Annie Bienvenue, ag grad student; Matthew Jones, civil engineering senior; Michael Puopolo, engineering grad student; John Lambros, math senior; Derek Marks, physical education grad student; and Elizabeth Brunner, English grad student. □

## Art\$alute fund-raiser 'Goes Hollywood'

"Lights ... Camera ... Auction! Art\$alute Goes to Hollywood" is the theme for this year's Cal Poly Arts gala fund-raising dinner and auction, which begins at 6 pm Saturday, May 30, in Chumash Auditorium.

A lavish dinner and dessert buffet, wine and champagne, music and dancing, plus live and silent auctions are all planned as part of the evening's entertainment.

To add to the fun, guests are encouraged to dress up as their favorite star or movie character.

"The Hollywood theme has inspired us to come up with some special auction items," said Cal Poly Arts Director Ralph Hoskins. "Look for Hollywood packages that include a private, VIP-led, Paramount Studios tour and special access to the taping of your favorite television programs.

Other auction items will include tickets for two to anywhere American Airlines flies, international and domestic travel, trips to Universal Studios and Disney-world, ski and golf trips, theater

packages in New York City and Los Angeles, and an assortment of adventure, family, dining and fine-wine entertainment, such as skydiving, hot-air ballooning, resort accommodations, and winemaker dinners.

Tickets, \$65 per person, can be bought through Cal Poly Arts at ext. 6-6556. Corporate tables with seating for six are available. Proceeds from the annual event help to underwrite Cal Poly Arts programming costs.

For further details, call Cal Poly Arts. □

## Cal Poly Arts needs reels of film

Cal Poly Arts is seeking old or unusable reels of film and reel canisters to use as decorations for its annual Art\$alute fund-raiser. The theme is Hollywood and the movies. If you have such items, please call Cal Poly Arts at ext. 6-6556. □

## Open enrollment period for disability insurance

A special open enrollment period will be held through Friday, May 29, for CSU voluntary disability income insurance, which is administered by Sanders & Associates.

During this period, coverage is guaranteed regardless of current health or past health history. Even pre-existing conditions will be covered after a set period of time.

The policies are available through payroll deduction to all CSU employees who work at least half time. This insurance will be offered to eligible employees during May only, and this opportunity may not be offered again.

Applications must be received by Sanders & Associates by May 31 to obtain guaranteed coverage. Call Sanders & Associates at 1-800-537-2476. □

## Here's how to reach us

The *Cal Poly Report* is published by the Communications Office every Wednesday during the academic year. Items submitted by 10 am Thursday appear in the following Wednesday's edition.

For information, call ext. 6-1511, or e-mail articles, suggestions, and questions to [polynews@polymail](mailto:polynews@polymail). Fax items to ext. 6-6533. □

## Updating career fliers? Please read on ...

The time is approaching when academic departments start thinking about updating their career fliers.

The Communications Office, which provides camera-ready copy for printing, asks that any substantive changes to the fliers be submitted as a Word document on either an IBM or Mac disk. If there are just a few minor corrections, a marked-up copy of the flier is sufficient.

Because the department's graphic specialist position has been reduced to half time, please allow a minimum of one week — preferably two — for the work to be completed.

Reprographics has asked that departments try to submit the revised fliers for printing before Aug. 1.

For information, call ext. 6-1511. □

## Rec Sports offers new 'Power Pacing' class

Rec Sports is offering classes in "power pacing," a group exercise using stationary bicycles. The classes are led by two instructors who guide the class through short drills and muscle "recruitment" exercises.

Because individuals control the intensity of their workout, power pacing is suitable for all fitness levels.

Classes are offered Monday through Friday at 11 am and Monday through Thursday at 2 pm. Classes are also taught at 8 pm Saturday and 4 pm Sunday.

To sign up, stop by the front desk at the Recreation Center at least 24 hours in advance of the class you'd like to join.

Those not yet ready to take up cycling are invited to watch. Call Kate or Sheila at ext. 6-1366 for more information. □

## Fee waiver forms to be mailed to faculty

Faculty members participating in the CSU Faculty Dependent Fee Waiver Program will be sent a Designation Form for the 1998-99 academic year. The completed form will enable Human Resources and Employment Equity to authorize a reduction in the dependent's registration fees for the upcoming academic year. Faculty not currently participating in the program should contact Joan Lund, training manager, at ext. 6-6563 for forms and eligibility guidelines. □



## PERS Board election deadline approaching

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) will conduct an election in October and November for a state member representative on the CalPERS Board of Administration. Nominations must be received at CalPERS headquarters in Sacramento by 5 pm Tuesday, May 26.

The term of the incumbent, William D. Crist, will expire Jan. 15, 1999. The new term of office will be Jan. 16, 1999, to Jan. 15, 2003.

The Board is responsible for the management and control of the administration and investment of the retirement fund and renewal of the annual health insurance contracts for state employees.

CalPERS state members who are active on Aug. 1 are eligible to vote in the election.

Printed procedures for becoming a candidate and the election schedule are included in the Notice of Election, posted in Human Resources and Employment Equity, Admin. 110. The material was also sent to each campus department.

Nomination petitions for potential candidates, available from CalPERS, must contain at least 250 original signatures of active state members. □

## Campus construction info now available on Web

Facilities Planning and Facility Services have developed a Web site where faculty and staff can learn the status of current and future construction projects.

For on-line information, call up [www.facsrv.calpoly.edu/fpdb/fpdb.htm](http://www.facsrv.calpoly.edu/fpdb/fpdb.htm), or from the Cal Poly home page click on Administration, then Facilities Planning, then on Construction Projects. This Web site will be improved and updated regularly.

Don't have a computer handy? No problem. Dial ext. 6-6808 to reach the Project Information Hot Line recording. Information will be updated as needed on specific projects.

Send e-mail messages to [facplan@polymail.calpoly.edu](mailto:facplan@polymail.calpoly.edu). All messages will be answered.

To speak directly to someone about a project, call Deby Ryan at ext. 6-6806. □



Navjit Brar

## Library appoints assistant dean

Navjit Brar, known for her leadership in building collaborations and partnerships in resource sharing

and document delivery, has been appointed assistant dean for access and bibliographic services at the Kennedy Library.

Brar served as assistant director of access, periodicals and business services at the College of New Jersey and as head of Document Delivery Services at Michigan State University Libraries. □

## Comments sought on 'event parking'

Public Safety wants your comments on "event parking."

The deadline is June 15 to express your opinion on the system begun last September for reserved parking for major events at the Performing Arts Center, Mott Gym, and elsewhere on campus.

New parking management procedures were put into effect to ensure that patrons of the arts, athletics and other events don't have to hunt for a parking space. University employees as well as visitors pay \$2 to use the special parking areas. The fee was designed to defray the cost of setting up and monitoring the lots.

Comments can be mailed to Public Safety Services, Attn: Programs Administrator.

For a copy of the plan or other information, call ext. 6-6141 or look on the World Wide Web at [calpoly.edu/~pss/event\\_parking/](http://calpoly.edu/~pss/event_parking/). □

## Dial 756-NEWS for campus closure info

Public Safety Services asks faculty and staff to remind students that they can find out if the campus is open or closed by calling 756-NEWS, a hot line that is updated continually.

The need to promote the hot line came to light when local news media advised listeners to check with their schools to see if the early-morning tornado on May 5 had disrupted schedules.

Your help in disseminating the phone number is appreciated. □

## Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for the following positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Vacancy information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly home page on the World Wide Web (address: [www.calpoly.edu](http://www.calpoly.edu); click on "General Information").

**STATE** (Adm. 110, ext. 6-2236 or job line at ext. 6-1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm on the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. (No faxes.)

**#87104: Clerical Assistant II, Support Services – State Purchasing (Unit 7).** (\$1,861 - \$2,195/mo.) Closing Date: May 27.

**#87107: WASC Administrative Assistant (Clerical Asst. IV), Academic Programs (Unit 7).**\* (\$1,152.50 - \$1,371.50/mo., temporary, half-time to December 31, 1999) Closing Date: May 27.

**FACULTY** (Adm. 312, ext. 6-2844)

Interested candidates should contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information and an application. Submit all application materials to the department head/chair unless otherwise specified. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience, and timebase where applicable, unless otherwise stated.

**#83118: Lecturer Pool (part-time), Civil and Environmental Engineering Dept. (805/756-2947).** Department is establishing a pool of applicants for possible part-time appointments during the 1998/99 academic year. B.S. and/or M.S. (preferred) in civil or environmental engineering or related area of engineering required. Teaching and consulting experience desirable. Areas of special need include strength of materials, introductory structural analysis and design, transportation, geotechnical engineering, and introductory environmental engineering. Send resume/completed application to Dr. Edward Sullivan, Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering. Closing Date: May 30.

**#83120: Lecturers (part-time), Aeronautical Engineering Department (805/756-2562).** Establishing a pool for possible temporary teaching assignments during the 1998-99 academic year. M.S. required. Teaching and industrial experience in the discipline preferred. Send inquiries and applications to the Aeronautical Engineering Department. Closing Date: June 1. □