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DATELINE

(\$) – Admission charged

Exhibits

ASI Fine Arts Club 221 (formerly UU Galerie): "A Journey of the Warrior Spirit," through Dec. 10. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon-4 p.m.
University Art Gallery (Dexter Building): "Enduring Spirit," photographs by Phil Borges, through Dec. 5. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily; Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1

Winter Craft Fair: Handmade crafts by local artists and students. Also Dec. 2, Craft Center, 9 a.m.

Lunch at the Movies: "The Business of Paradigms: How Perceptions Limit Our Ability to Solve Problems and Find New Solutions," Veranda Café, noon.

Thursday, December 2

Winter Craft Fair: Handmade crafts by local artists and students. Craft Center, 9 a.m.

Music: Student recital, Davidson Music Building 218, 11 a.m.

What Else We Do: Kevin Clark (English), "Building Rooms of Their Own."

Physics Colloquium: Peter Zimmerman (U.S. State Department), "Physics of Ballistic Missile Defense," Science E-45, 11 a.m.

Speaker: Kent Morrison (Mathematics), "Eigenvalues of Random Matrices Over Finite Fields," Math and Science 226, 4:10 p.m.

Friday, December 3

Last day of classes

Music: Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra Fall Concert, Cal Poly Theatre, 8 p.m. (\$)

Saturday, December 4

Men's Basketball: CSU Northridge, Mott Gym, 7 p.m. (\$)

Music: Cal Poly Choirs' "A Christmas Celebration," Harman Hall, 8 p.m. Also Sunday, Dec. 5. (\$)

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Music: Cal Poly Choirs' "A Christmas Celebration," Harman Hall, 3 p.m. (\$)

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Most parking fees to rise in January

Most Cal Poly parking fees, with the exception of evening quarterly and metered hourly rates, are scheduled to rise Jan. 1.

The first price hike in more than 10 years will include a 25-cent increase for daily permits – from \$1.50 to \$1.75 – and a \$2 hike for event parking – from \$2 to \$4.

The metered hourly rate will be kept at the current level; it reflects the rate in the city of San Luis Obispo for similar parking. The event parking rate includes a \$3 parking fee plus a \$1 surcharge to be returned to event sponsors.

Here's the new fee schedule:

Rate	Current	Jan. 1
Hourly metered	\$1.00	\$1.00
Daily	\$1.50	\$1.75
Weekly	\$3.60	\$4.20
Monthly	\$12.00	\$14.00
Quarterly	\$36.00	\$42.00
Annual	\$144.00	\$168.00
Evening (quarterly)	\$18.00	\$14.00
Motorcycle (quarterly)	\$9.00	\$10.50
Event	\$2.00	\$4.00

For more information, call the Parking and Commuter Services office at ext. 6-6654. □

One more fall CPR; new deadline for winter

The final fall quarter *Cal Poly Report* will be out Dec. 8. Please submit items for that issue by 10 a.m. Dec. 2.

The *Cal Poly Report* is not published during quarter break.

When publication resumes winter quarter, articles will be due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. the *Wednesday* before you'd like them to appear.

Items can be e-mailed to polynews@polymail, faxed to ext. 6-6533, or mailed to Public Affairs in Heron Hall.

For more information, call Public Affairs at ext. 6-1511. □

Individuals can pick up own paycheck Dec. 31

Because campus will be closed to observe the New Year's Day holiday on December's payday (Dec. 31), arrangements have been made to have the Cashier's Office open 3-4 p.m. so employees can pick up their checks.

During that time, checks will be released directly to the individual employee. Checks not picked up Dec. 31 can be picked up by department representatives as a batch on Jan. 3.

If lines at the cashiers' windows (Adm. 131-E) are too long Jan. 3, representatives can go to Adm. 129 for help from an Accounts Payable staff member.

For more information, call Payroll Services at ext. 6-2605. □

OBITUARY

Charles J. Hanks, 78

Charles J. Hanks, retired Mathematics Department head, died Nov. 20, at his home in San Luis Obispo.

Hanks was appointed to the mathematics faculty in 1954 and served as head of the department from 1972 to 1983, as acting dean of the College of Science and Mathematics from 1975 to 1976, and as golf coach from 1956 to 1968.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Shippensburg College in Pennsylvania, where he was honored as a distinguished alumnus in 1976. He earned a master's from the University of Pennsylvania in 1949, and a doctorate from the University of Arkansas in 1954.

Hanks also had a distinguished career in the Coast Guard Reserve, serving as commanding officer of a sub-chaser in the Atlantic for one year and as commanding officer of a supply ship in the South Pacific for two years during World War II. In the Coast Guard Reserve he served a five-year tour as a rear admiral. □

DPTC hires alumna as ingredient specialist

The dairy products technology program has tapped alumna Carolyn Podgurski to serve as its dairy ingredient applications specialist.

In her role, she will conduct applied research with nonfat dry milk and other dairy-based ingredients and work on cooperative ventures with the food manufacturing industry on projects designed to facilitate the use of milk and milk products in food. □

Monarch butterfly expert to speak Dec. 7

Lincoln Brower, research professor of biology at Sweet Briar College in Virginia and distinguished professor emeritus of zoology at the University of Florida, will present "Monarch Butterfly Migration and Overwintering in North America: A Multiple Endangered Biological Phenomenon," at 11 a.m. Tuesday (Dec. 7) in Fisher Science 286.

Brower has published more than 200 scientific papers on the biology and conservation of monarch butterflies. He has served as president for the Society for the Study of Evolution, the Lepidopterists' Society and the International Society of Chemical Ecology.

He is currently collaborating with the Wildlife Conservation Society of New York, the World Wildlife Fund-Mexico and the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary Foundation to develop a comprehensive model to protect all the monarch butterfly's known overwintering sites in Mexico.

For more information on the talk, call Professor Dennis Frey of the Biological Sciences Department at ext. 6-2802. □

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Monday, December 6

Final exam period. Through Friday, Dec. 10.

Tuesday, December 7

Speaker: Lincoln Brower (Sweet Briar College), "Monarch Butterfly Migration and Overwintering in North America: A Multiple Endangered Biological Phenomenon," Fisher Science 286, 11 a.m.

Music: Keb' Mo', Harman Hall, 8 p.m. (\$) □

Huffing and puffing won't take his wall down

Building with straw has come a long way since the Big Bad Wolf blew down the First Little Pig's house.

Richard Schmidt, a lecturer in the Architecture Department, has built a 7-foot-high landscape wall made of straw bales and designed to mute traffic noise at his home on Broad Street. It was the first straw construction project to receive a permit from the city of San Luis Obispo.

Straw bales are made from the waste produced during grain harvest. The leftover rice, wheat, oat and barley straw is packed into bales that make thick, well-insulated walls.

Schmidt chose straw bales for his project because of their value in reducing noise and because they are a "sustainable" building material.

"Sustainable design attempts to reduce the impact of the construction on resource supplies and the environment," Schmidt said. "The wall was designed to be as sustainable as possible."

The wall's base and foundation are built of broken concrete sidewalk, which otherwise would have gone to a dump.

"Using waste concrete avoided the high environmental and energy impacts of having to create new concrete for the job," Schmidt said. □

CSU Student Research Competition set May 5-6

The CSU Student Research Competition, to be held May 5-6, 2000, is open to all undergraduate and graduate students.

Teachers are invited to encourage students to turn their senior projects or master's theses into research competition entries.

For more information, visit the Web at: <http://www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/src> or call the Research and Graduate Programs Office, ext. 6-1508. □

Ticket information

Tickets to performances at the Performing Arts Center can be purchased at the PAC Ticket Office 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays.

Call ext. 6-2787, or fax your order to ext. 6-6088. □

Service Awards lunch tickets on sale Jan. 18

Tickets to the annual Service Awards Luncheon, set for Feb. 22 in Chumash Auditorium, will go on sale Jan. 18 for \$9.

The lunch recognizes state, Foundation, and ASI employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service. A list of awardees and ticket sellers and information on reserving tables will be included in an early January *Cal Poly Report*.

The luncheon's theme is "Celebrating the 20th Century — Oh, What a Time We've Had!" The menu will include shepherd's pie (beef and vegetarian,) garden salad, coleslaw, ambrosia, French green beans with slivered almonds, rolls, apple pie, coffee and iced tea. □

Solicitation of sick leave, vacation

Rita Zamora, an account technician in Fiscal Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave.

Eligible employees can donate sick leave and vacation credit to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended absence.

Those interested in donating leave may request the Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Carol Johnston in Fiscal Services at ext. 6-5405 or by e-mail.

CSEA employees (Units 2, 5, 7 and 9) may donate up to 32 hours total; all other state employees may donate up to 16 hours total sick leave and/or vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more. □

College of Ag to honor four at reception

Four College of Agriculture employees will be honored at a farewell reception 2-3:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in Room 210 in the Agricultural Sciences Building.

The campus community is invited to join in the celebration being given for Diana Frey, Audun "Oley" Pettersen, Jo Ann Wheatley and Rich Villa.

Frey has worked in Animal Sciences since 1969; Pettersen, Food Science and Nutrition, 1973; Wheatley, Crop Science, 1977; Villa, Feedmill, 1991. □