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DATELINE

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Exhibits

University Art Gallery (Dexter Building): Large figurative works by Ruth Weisberg and Patty Wickman, through June 4. Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Wednesday 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

Health, Wellness Fair: "Sunshine, Safety and Summer Preparation," UU 220, 11 a.m.

Music: Jim Holder, BackStage Pizza, noon.

Music: Guitar ensemble recital, Philips Hall, PAC, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 25

Physics Colloquium: Student research, Science E-45, 11 a.m.

What Else We Do: Kevin Clark (English), "Building Rooms of Their Own," Fisher Science 287, 11 a.m.

Music: Matt Paves trumpet minor recital, Davidson Music Center 218, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 29

Holiday: Memorial Day. Campus closed except for emergency services.

Tuesday, May 30

Music: Doc Stotley, BackStage Pizza, noon.

Music: Wind Quintet recital, Davidson Music Center 218, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

Music: Travis Larson, BackStage Pizza, noon.

Thursday, June 1

Physics Colloquium: Student research, Science E-45, 11 a.m.

Friday, June 2

Last day of classes.

Saturday, June 3

Music: Wind Orchestra Spring Concert, Harman Hall, 8 p.m. (\$) *Continued on page 4*

State Sen. McPherson to speak at Commencement

Cal Poly alumnus and State Sen. Bruce McPherson, R-Santa Cruz, will be the keynote speaker at the 59th Spring Commencement June 10.

McPherson will speak to an expected 2,700 candidates for graduation plus an estimated 20,000 family members and friends in the two ceremonies in Mustang Stadium.

Approximately 3,400 degrees will be symbolically conferred.

The 9 a.m. ceremony will be for the colleges of Agriculture, Liberal Arts, and Science and Mathematics plus the University Center for Teacher Education and the Statewide Nursing Program. The colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Business, and Engineering will gather at 2 p.m.

McPherson, a longtime supporter of public education, received the Association

of California School Administrators' "Friend of Public Education Award" last year. The Association of California Community College Administrators named him "1998 Friend of Community Colleges."

In 1997 McPherson was named "Legislator of the Year" by the University of California Alumni Association and in 1995 received the California State University Alumni Council's "Friend of Higher Education" award.

The 1965 Cal Poly journalism graduate and former journalist served in the State Assembly representing the 27th District from 1993 to 1996. He was elected to represent the Senate's 15th District in 1996 and currently serves as vice-chair of the Senate Education Committee. □

Student plans memorial 4-mile run-walk

Recreation administration senior Katie Beals is planning a benefit "Run to Remember" on June 3 in honor of slain students Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford and missing student Kristin Smart.

The 4-mile run-walk event will begin at 8:45 a.m. at Mitchell Park near downtown San Luis Obispo. A barbecue, also at Mitchell Park, is planned after the run.

Beals is organizing the event as her senior project and as a celebration of the lives of the three students.

"Rachel was a friend of mine," Beals said. "She would be graduating this June if her life had not been tragically taken. Many of her friends are graduating, and this is a

time that we all can celebrate her life together before we go our separate ways."

The money raised will benefit the Cal Poly ReMEMber program and the Rachel Newhouse Memorial Endowment. ReMEMber is an annual memorial event held in conjunction with "Take Back the Night," a program dedicated to preventing violence against women.

Pre-registration will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the UU and 6-9 p.m. at Farmers Market in downtown San Luis Obispo on May 25 and June 1. On-site, same-day registration will be at 8 a.m. in Mitchell Park.

Registration forms are also available at the Cal Poly Women's Center and Recreation Center and in San Luis Obispo at the Parks and Recreation Department and the City-County Library.

Pre-registration fees, including a T-shirt, are \$15. Same-day fees are \$20.

Run to Remember is being sponsored by KCOY-TV, American General Media, and the Cal Poly RAM (Recreation Administration Majors) Club.

For more information, call Beals at 545-8836. □

In memoriam

The flags in front of the Administration Building will fly at half staff during Memorial Day weekend, Saturday through Monday (May 27-29), in honor of America's war dead. □

Cal Poly Orchestra to play Spring Concert

The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra will perform its Spring Concert under the direction of its founder, Music Professor Clifton Swanson, at 3 p.m. June 4 in the Theatre.

The program will include Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 and Charles Ives' Fugue for Small Orchestra.

Soloists from the Music Department's recent solo competition will perform with the orchestra on arias and movements from concertos by Max Bruch, W.A. Mozart, Francis Poulenc and Carl Maria von Weber.

Tickets cost \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for the public.

The concert is sponsored by the Music Department, College of Liberal Arts, and Instructionally Related Activities program.

For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406 or view the department's event calendar on the Web at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~mu>. □

Young scholars program begins June 19

Applications are being accepted for Cal Poly's Young Scholars Program, open to children in grades 5-12.

A wide range of one-week classes will be offered beginning June 19, from physics, chemistry and biology courses and computer programming and Web design, to Japanese conversation and customs.

A course in preparing for the PSAT and SAT I will also be given for children in grades 8-12 at a cost of \$70.

Tuition for all other courses is \$45.

For a complete listing of classes and an application, call the Extended Education office at ext. 6-7196. □

CPR schedule

The last spring quarter issue of the *Cal Poly Report* will be June 7.

During the summer, the *Report* comes out every other week. Please remember the deadline: 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before you want it to appear.

E-mail items to polynews@polymail, fax to ext. 6-6533, or mail to Public Affairs, Heron Hall. For more information, call ext. 6-1511. □

Cal Poly included in Sun business program

Cal Poly is one of two U.S. universities and one of six worldwide selected for a Sun Microsystems program that will allow graduate business students to begin their own e-ventures.

Under the Sun Campus Incubator program, selected business graduate students will be provided a technical infrastructure to develop e-business ideas. Sun will pick five business plans from every university in the program, based on recommendations from faculty members and involved capital firms.

Each selected business plan will receive six months of free access to a Sun "incubation facility" — not yet developed at Cal Poly — that will feature some of the latest in Sun technology, giving the students a jump-start on their ventures.

The other campuses taking part in the program are the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, India; Northwestern University, Illinois; Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Peking University, Beijing; and the Said Business School, Oxford. Sun plans to add other universities to the program in the future. □

Cal Poly graduates high number of Hispanics

In agriculture, architecture and engineering, Cal Poly continues to be among the top universities in the country in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics.

Cal Poly ranked second nationwide in architecture, third in agriculture and fourth in engineering in 1997-98 U.S. Department of Education statistics published in the May 5 edition of *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine.

In agriculture, with 46 Hispanic grads, and engineering, with 103, Cal Poly had the highest numbers in California.

Overall, Cal Poly ranked 36th in the nation, graduating 395 Hispanics among the 3,158 bachelor's degrees conferred. □

Children's Center enrolling for summer, fall

The ASI Children's Center is taking applications for its summer school program and its developmental kindergarten and pre-kindergarten program, which begins in September.

For more information, call ext. 6-1267. □

English Professor Clark to talk on writing poetry

In a presentation titled "Building Rooms of Their Own," English Professor Kevin Clark will talk Thursday (May 25) about how he helps students find their own poetic voices and move toward greater mastery of the craft of poetry writing.

Clark's presentation, part of the English Department's "What Else We Do" series, will be 11 a.m.-noon in Room 287 in Fisher Science Hall.

In the talk, he will draw in part on an essay he wrote for *The AWP Chronicle*, a publication of the Associated Writing Programs, about the role creative writing plays in the English curriculum.

Clark teaches poetry writing and modern and contemporary American literature.

His poetry has appeared in *The Antioch Review*, *The Georgia Review*, *College English*, and *The Black Warrior Review*. Clark's poem "The Gift" shared the 1997 Charles Angoff Prize for best contribution to *The Literary Review*.

His new volume of poetry, tentatively titled "The Gift," is being published by New Issues Press and is expected out in late 2001.

"What Else We Do" is a monthly series that showcases the research, professional activity and creative projects of the English Department faculty. Short, informal presentations are followed by discussion.

For more information, call the English Department at ext. 6-2597 or series organizer Debora Schwartz at 6-2636. □

Ticket information

Tickets to the performances listed in today's *Cal Poly Report* are on sale at the Performing Arts 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.

Information on Cal Poly Arts events can be found on line at www.calpolyarts.org. □

Agriculture students win national landscape contest

After a month of waiting for the official final results from the Associated Landscape Contractors of America Student Career Days competition, it was announced that Cal Poly finished in first place. This is the team's 12th win in the past 14 years and the fifth win in a row.

It was originally announced that Cal Poly Pomona finished first, but the official results show that Cal Poly Pomona finished in second place. Ricks College in Idaho finished third, with North Carolina State taking fourth and Colorado State fifth. The competition was held at Mississippi State University in April.

The 2000 Cal Poly team had 11 environmental horticultural science students. They are senior Bryan Ashby, who took second place "superstar," sophomore Megan Barnes, senior Damon Cockerham, senior Mike Jacot, sophomores Erik Jones and Lorna Kreutz, and seniors Jennifer March, Eric Martin, Carrie McDonnell, Chris Rhoades and Jessie Taintor.

The students were coached by professors Stephen Angley, Mike Zohns and Dan Lassanske.

Forty-six schools with more than 650 students competed. □

Retirement reception set for Gish

Bob Gish, founder and director of the Ethnic Studies Department, is retiring at the end of spring quarter. A retirement reception is planned in his honor from 3 to 5 p.m. June 6 in the Vernada Café.

Gish, who has been at Cal poly since 1992, is a widely published fiction writer and essayist on the American West and ethnic studies. □

Open University grade rosters to be sent

Extended Education expects to mail grade rosters Thursday (May 26) to instructors who have students enrolled in classes through Open University (formerly Concurrent Enrollment).

Completed grade rosters are due to the Extended Education office, Room 101, Jespersen Hall, by 4:30 p.m. June 13.

For more information, call Vivian Steele, Extended Education, at ext. 6-2053. □

Wind Orchestras to play 'Down Under Tour Celebration'

"A Down Under Tour Celebration," the Music Department's Spring Concert on June 3, will feature a blend of traditional and contemporary wind-band music.

Billed as a celebration of the Wind Orchestra's coming tour of New Zealand and its participation in the International Music Festival of Sydney, Australia, the concert is slated for 8 p.m. in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

Tony Clements, well-known virtuoso tuba player, will be the evening's featured soloist, playing Edward Gregson's Concerto for Tuba and Wind Orchestra. He also has a musical surprise planned for the audience.

Wind Orchestra II will open the concert with James Curnow's "Fanfare and Flourishes" and the final movement, titled "Hobbits," of Johan de Meij's Symphony No. 1, "Lord of the Rings," based on the Tolkien trilogy.

Music Professor David Rackley will conduct the world premiere of his most recent work for wind orchestra, "Third Stream Bridge," which will feature jazz pianist and music faculty member Paul Rinzier.

The Wind Orchestra I will perform Symphony No. 3, Op. 89, by James Barnes.

"This will be one of the most significant and moving works ever performed by



The Wind Orchestra celebrates its upcoming trip Down Under.

the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra," said Music Professor and conductor William Johnson.

Johnson said that the Wind Orchestra is committed to its journey Down Under, "but is still in the process of completing its fund-raising campaign."

"With more than 70 percent of the money raised, the group still needs almost \$40,000 more to pay for its two-week journey to New Zealand and Australia beginning June 15," Johnson said. "Our friends and alumni have been very helpful to us, but we must find additional support."

Checks, made payable to the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra, can be sent to Campaign 2000, Music Department.

Tickets to the concert cost \$7 to \$15.

The event is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and ASI.

For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2607. □

Horticulture students win national judging contest

Floriculture's version of the "Final Four" occurred in April, and Cal Poly's team returned to San Luis Obispo as national judging champions.

The 59th National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation Contest, held at Texas A&M University, included teams from universities across the nation, and Cal Poly, the defending champions, repeated, with Kansas State University second and Penn State University third.

Cal Poly team members, all environmental horticultural science seniors, are Alex Van Wingerden, who was named third-best judge in the country; Steven Baldonado, fourth best; and Sue Hofer.

The alternate judge was Kate Flores, and the student coach was Laurie Bills. Environmental Horticultural Science Department Head Virginia Walter coached the team.

The competition consisted of 30 different classes of floral products, fresh flowers, flowering plants and foliage plants. Cal Poly's team scored 8,109 points out of a possible 9,000.

Students also competed in an optional floral design contest in which Flores placed second with an asymmetrical triangle design. Van Wingerden placed third with a centerpiece arrangement.

Cal Poly plans to host the 60th intercollegiate competition in April 2001. □

Position vacancies

Below are all the new, previously unadvertised employment openings at the university. You may access full information about these and other, previously advertised positions at www.calpoly.edu (scroll down and select "employment opportunities under Faculty/Staff Services").

STATE: For a complete listing of employment opportunities for state staff and management positions, you can:

- Check the Human Resources and Employment Equity Web site at www.calpoly.edu, under Employment Opportunities;
- Come to the HREE office, Adm. 110, and view the posted positions;
- Call the HREE Job Line at ext. 6-1533.

For a listing of new openings, check The Tribune's Sunday edition.

If you have questions, please call HREE at ext. 6-2237.

FACULTY: Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information or to request an application. Additional information and qualifications for each position may also be obtained on line at <http://www.academicpersonnel.calpoly.edu>. Please submit all application materials to the department head/chair unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

#03074: Part-time Lecturer Pool, Journalism Department (ext. 6-2508) Closing date: June 6.

#03111: Full-time Lecturer, Management Area, College of Business (ext. 6-2012) Closing date: June 19.

#03112: Full-time Lecturer, Management Area, College of Business (ext. 6-2012) Closing date: June 19.

FOUNDATION: (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 6-7107). All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)

Custodial Services Supervisor, Campus Dining, \$12.11-\$15.76/hr., full time, varied hours. Closing date: Position is open until filled; review of applications begins June 2.

Program Assistant, Sponsored Programs, \$12.11-\$15.76/hr. Closing date: Position is open until filled; review of applications begins June 2.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. is accepting applications for the following position(s). Complete position descriptions and applications are available at the ASI Business Office, University Union, Room 212, M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., ext. 6-5800. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. of the listed closing date. AA/EOE.

Assistant Teacher, \$10.47- \$13.20/hr., full time. Closing date: May 31. Anticipated start date July 1. □

Students earn top awards at research competition

A music senior's project to reconstruct a musical composition by Manuel de Sumaya from colonial Mexico earned him top honors at the recent CSU Student Research Competition, held this year at Cal Poly Pomona.

Stewart Uyeda won first place in the undergraduate Humanities and Letters category for his presentation on "The Enigmatic Elegance of Sumaya's Maximus Redemptor: Recovering a Lost American Gem."

In all, Cal Poly was represented by eight students in the competition.

James Badia, a mechanical engineering senior, won second place in the undergraduate Engineering and Computer Science category for a presentation on single-track vehicle design.

Uyeda's faculty advisor was Music Professor Craig Russell, and Badia's was Mechanical Engineering Professor Bill Patterson.

The systemwide research competition, initiated in 1985, features the research achievements of undergraduate students, graduate students and recent alumni from all academic disciplines.

Approximately 170 students from 21 CSU campuses submitted written papers and made oral presentations before juries of experts from corporations, foundations, public agencies, and California universities. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners.

The other students representing Cal Poly at this year's competition were Pamela Bradley, a speech communication senior who participated in the undergraduate Behavioral and Social Sciences category; David In Yun, graduate student in agriculture, graduate Biological and Agricultural Sciences category; Jeremy Gililand, mechanical engineering senior, undergraduate Engineering and Computer Science category; Sharon Lanaghan, computer science grad student, with co-principal investigator Emilio Passi, computer science senior, and Sang Youp Lee, electrical engineering graduate student, graduate Engineering and Computer Science category. □

DATELINE

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Sunday, June 4

Music: Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert, Theatre, 3 p.m. (\$) □

Monday, June 5

Final exam period: Through Friday, June 9. □

Tuesday, June 6

Music: Travis Larson, BackStage Pizza, noon. □

Saturday, June 10

Commencement: Colleges of Agriculture, Liberal Arts, and Science and Mathematics, plus UCTE and Statewide Nursing Program, 9 a.m.; colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Business, and Engineering, 2 p.m., Mustang Stadium. □

Sunday, June 11

Quarter Break: Through Sunday, June 18. □

Monday, June 19

Summer quarter classes begin. □

Recreation students teach wilderness education

For the fifth consecutive year, students in the College of Agriculture's recreation administration environmental education class are taking wilderness education to San Luis Obispo elementary schools.

Although residents of the Central Coast live adjacent to 10 wilderness areas within the Los Padres National Forest, few local children have visited those areas, according to Recreation Administration Professor Bill Hendricks.

In the past four years, Hendricks and his students have taught more than 1,500 San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara County elementary and middle school students ecological, social and cultural wilderness values and helped children develop wilderness recreation skills.

This year Cal Poly students are visiting Bishop's Peak and Teach elementary schools.

The environmental education class includes students from a variety of majors, including recreation administration, forestry and natural resources, history, psychology, and environmental horticultural science. □