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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 Sunday (June 4). Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Wednesday 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

Music: Travis Larson, BackStage Pizza, noon.

Thursday, June 1

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

Low-Brass Workshop, Mini-Recital: Tuba player Tony Clements, Davidson Music Center 218, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 2

Last day of classes.

Saturday, June 3

Music: Wind Orchestra Spring Concert, Harman Hall, 8 p.m. (\$)

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. □



Tony Clements

Tuba player Clements to give mini-recital

Tony Clements, well-known virtuoso tuba player and guest artist at the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra's Spring Concert on Saturday (June 3) will give a mini-recital and lead a low-brass workshop for Cal Poly student musicians at 7 p.m. Thursday (June 1) in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center.

In addition to performing solo pieces on both euphonium and tuba, Clements will give individual instruction to Cal Poly students, who will then perform pieces they have worked on.

For more information, please contact the Music Department at ext. 6-2406. □

CPR schedule

Next week's (June 7) *Cal Poly Report* is the final one for spring quarter.

During summer, the *Report* comes out every other week. The first summer issue will be June 21. The deadline to submit items for that issue is 10 a.m. June 14.

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. □

Ag recruitment program wins diversity award

A recruitment program designed to attract high school and community college students from underrepresented groups into university-level studies in agriculture has won the President's Diversity Award.

The 26 Hours of Science and Technology in Agriculture program, which recently celebrated its 13th year, was unanimously chosen from eight nominations.

The annual President's Diversity Award recognizes campus units that exhibit commitment to the value of cultural diversity. The winning project receives \$1,000 to be used to further the group's work on behalf of diversity at Cal Poly.

The agriculture program, coordinated by Agricultural Education and Communication Professor Robert Flores, was singled out for its:

- Interdisciplinary nature and collaboration with units from across campus;
- Longevity "against all odds, including funding cuts";
- Involvement of diverse students, faculty members and staff members in

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Civil engineers named 'most outstanding'

Cal Poly's Society of Civil Engineers has been named the nation's preeminent American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter. It has been awarded the 2000 Robert Ridgway Award, the national society's top student chapter honor.

Simultaneously, the group continued an unprecedented six-year streak by winning the student competition in engineering analysis and design at the recent ASCE Pacific Southwest Regional Conference. The Cal Poly club claimed first prize in the five most heavily weighted events.

The Ridgway Award, given annually to the most outstanding student chapter

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Obituaries

Ritschard, 63

Former Biological Sciences Professor Ronald L. Ritschard of Huntsville, Ala., died April 13.

Ritschard taught undergraduate and graduate courses in biology at Cal Poly from 1965 to 1973. He was active in the Academic Senate and won the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1972.

After leaving Cal Poly he managed environmental programs at Lawrence Livermore and Lawrence Berkeley laboratories, served as vice president for the Tennessee Valley Authority and taught biology at the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

Steck, 89

Maddolene C. Steck, who retired from Cal Poly in 1975, died April 24 in a Grass Valley hospital.

Steck was hired at Cal Poly as a stenographer in the Industrial Engineering Department in 1960. She was promoted to department secretary in 1969 and remained in that position until her retirement.

Wridner, 74

Retired equipment technician Herman Lee Wridner of Atascadero died in a Templeton hospital May 18.

Wridner spent 23 years in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II and the Korean War. He joined Cal Poly as an equipment technician for the Power Plant in 1969.

Wridner retired from Cal Poly in 1980. □

Foundation Board to meet June 9

The Foundation Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. June 9 in the Foundation Administration Building's Conference Room (Room 124).

For more information or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Executive Director Al Amaral at ext. 6-1131. A copy of the agenda packet is available for review at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk and the Academic Senate Office, Math and Science 143. □

Open forums planned for Foundation director finalists

The remaining candidates for the position of Foundation executive director will be on campus in June, and students, the faculty and staff members are invited to meet them at open forums and specialty forums.

Specialty forums are intended for groups with common interests; however, those unable to attend their affinity group forum are welcome at any of the other forums.

- On Monday (June 5) a yet-to-be-named finalist will be on campus. Forums for this candidate will be in the Foundation Administration Training Room (135):

Campus Open Forum - 10:10-10:55 a.m.

Student Forum - 11:10-11:55 a.m.

Research Forum - 2:10-2:55 p.m.

Faculty Forum - 4:10-4:55 p.m.

- Lynn Sien, former executive director for the American Chamber of Commerce in Taiwan, will be on campus June 7. All forums will be in the Foundation Administration Conference Room (124):

Campus Open Forum - 9:10-9:55 a.m.

Research Forum - 10:10-10:55 a.m.

Faculty Forum - 11:10-11:55 a.m.

Student Forum - 3:10-3:55 p.m.

- Marion "Robin" Foote, chairperson and managing director of Randolph Partners, will be on campus June 9. Forums will be in Room 135 in the Foundation Administration Building.

Campus Open Forum - 9:10-9:55 a.m.

Research Forum - 10:10-10:55 a.m.

Faculty Forum - 11:10-11:55 a.m.

Student Forum - 3:10-3:55 p.m.

- Peter Henschel, executive director for the Institute for Research on Learning, will be on campus June 14. Forums will be in Room 135, Foundation Administration Building.

Campus Open Forum - 9:10-9:55 a.m.

Research Forum - 10:10-10:55 a.m.

Student Forum - 11:10-11:55 a.m.

Faculty Forum - 2:10-2:55 p.m.

Forums were held in May for five candidates, including Frank Mumford, director of planning and administration for the Foundation.

While working for the Chamber of Commerce in Taiwan, Sien developed and implemented a highly successful strategic plan, gaining international recognition for the Chamber of Commerce. She oversaw departments of Government Relations, Member Services, Communications, Administration and Board Affairs. She was also the vice president of Jardine Fleming in Taipei, Taiwan, where she established and implemented the first legal invest-

ment advisory operation in the country. Her most recent U.S. employment was in 1984 as vice president and senior investment officer for the Bank of America in San Francisco.

Foote works with corporations to help them increase franchise and shareholder value. Her previous position as group executive vice president of Bank of America in San Francisco involved similar work. She has also worked in retail companies and banks and taught at Harvard. Her past management experience includes preparing long-range and annual business plans, forecasts, operating budgets, and reports.

In Henschel's position at the Institute for Research on Learning in Menlo Park, he oversees a budget of \$5.1 million. IRL is a national non-profit, interdisciplinary research and development institute dedicated to understanding the patterns of activity that shape what people really learn and how they learn. In Britain he created and managed 13 public- and private-sector partnerships. As deputy mayor for management and programs for the City of San Francisco, with a budget of \$2.1 billion, he directed performance monitoring of departments and prepared recommendations on operations, management, productivity and organization of services. □

Risk Management office to relocate June 12

Effective June 12, the Risk Management office in the Administration Building will be relocated to Building 80 (behind the Police Station), where Environmental Health and Safety staff members who report to Joe Risser, risk manager, are already housed.

Because of the relocation, the campus claims coordinator responsibilities formerly performed by Nancy Vilkitis in the Vice President for Administration and Finance office will be transferred to Jenelle Schmidt, administrative support coordinator for risk management.

Inquiries and reporting of Board of Control claims, student and visitor accidents, and state vehicle accidents, as well as requests for insurance coverage or certificates of insurance, should be directed to the Risk Management office, Rooms 101 and 102, phone ext. 6-6755, fax 6-1602. □

Reception set Friday for Gere Smith

A reception for Landscape Architecture Professor Gere Smith, who is retiring at the end of spring quarter, will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday (June 2) at the Monday Club, 1815 Monterey St. in San Luis Obispo. The university community is invited, and those planning to attend are asked to call Wanda Bolt at ext. 6-1319. □

Retirement reception for Rogalla June 8

The campus community is invited to a retirement reception for Connie Rogalla from 2 to 5 p.m. June 8 at the Smith Alumni and Conference Center. Rogalla, a staff member in the University Center for Teacher Education, has been at Cal Poly since 1979. □

Women Engineers select five 'outstanding'

Cal Poly's Society of Women Engineers, in cooperation with Hewlett-Packard, has chosen five of its members to receive the Outstanding Women in Engineering and Technology award.

Chosen from 36 nominees, the winners are:

Kristen Carlson, an electrical engineering senior; Julie Janai, civil engineering senior; Dena Richardson, mechanical engineering senior; Kari Hughes, industrial engineering senior; and Rebecca Cohl, mechanical engineering senior.

Candidates for this award were ranked using four criteria: faculty recommendations, demonstrated leadership, related work experience and grade point average.

The five honorees received new computer printers, compliments of Hewlett-Packard. □

Crop science students also part of winning team

The May 17 *Cal Poly Report* article recognizing students and teams who won national awards failed to mention that Crop Science students were part of the team that won first place in the American Society for Horticultural Science's Vegetable Judging Contest and Fruit and Nut Judging Contest. □

English major wins poetry contest

English major Shannon Gilliam was chosen by Bay Area poet-editor Mary Hower as the winner of Cal Poly's 2000 Academy of American Poets contest.

Gilliam's winning poem, "Four Buttered Lovelies, Like Lumps of Stone," is partly based on a tale from Chinese philosopher Chuang-Tzu.

Hower also chose "Yellow Hands," a "sestina" written by English major Elizabeth Sansone of Marysville, for honorable mention. A sestina consists of six stanzas of six lines each and a concluding triplet. The end words of the first stanza are repeated in strict order as end words of the subsequent stanzas and then strictly arranged again in the triplet.

Intent on rejecting aesthetic superficiality, Gilliam's poem explores the nature of beauty, according to English Professor and contest organizer Kevin Clark.

Hower was impressed with Gilliam's language.

"Poet Sandra McPherson once claimed that a good poem should have a surprise in every line," said Hower. "The language of 'Four Buttered Lovelies' is clearly surprising. I found myself thinking about the wit and dazzle of the poet's imagination."

Sansone's sestina about the wonderful and private relationship she had with her grandmother also excited the judge, who was impressed with its combination of techniques, which she called "original and haunting."

"I was drawn to the obvious craft and stunning language as well as this poem's creative strategies," Hower said.

Hower is a widely published poet and an editor of *The Americas Review*, a long-respected literary journal.

The annual poetry contest is sponsored by both the Academy of American Poets and the Cal Poly English Department. All Cal Poly students are eligible to enter. The winner is chosen in blind judging by an off-campus poet or editor. □

Tuesday IEEE meeting

Werner Paster, managing partner of Euroconsult Inc., will speak on "European Compliance and CE Marking" at the next Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Central coast section meeting 7-8 p.m. Tuesday (June 6) in Engineering East, Room 206.

The meeting is open to all. Refreshments will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m. □

Feedback sought to improve academic advising

The Advising Council, under the leadership of Denise Campbell, special assistant to the provost for university initiatives, has drafted a set of advising standards and is seeking comments and suggestions.

The council, an advisory body to the provost and vice provost for academic programs, was formed earlier this year and charged with implementing key recommendations made by the Advising Task Force.

In addition to the advising standards, the council has created a Web site and is preparing a grant proposal to fund the research and development of a Web-based "Virtual Advising Center" for student use.

Ongoing council initiatives include implementing:

- Standardized communication strategies for improving information flow about policies and procedures affecting academic advising;
- Training modules and advising tools for faculty and staff members;
- Assessment guidelines and processes to support continuous improvement in advising services; and
- Recognition programs that acknowledge and encourage high-quality advising.

The council would like to hear from members of the campus community about the Advising Standards before submitting them to the Campus Administrative Policy Committee for inclusion in the new campus policy manual.

Feedback on the format and content outline of the advising Web site is also sought, although not all links and information have been fully developed.

The standards can be accessed from: <http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadprog/Advising/AdvisingStandards.htm>. Please forward comments via e-mail to cjoubert@calpoly.edu by June 9. □

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, 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.

#03054: Part-time Lecturer Pool, Animal Science Department (ext. 6-2419). Closing date: June 10.

#03113: Full-time Lecturer in nutrition, Food Science and Nutrition Department (ext. 6-6130). Closing date: July 10.

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.

Building Service Worker, \$10.47-\$14.30/hr., full time, with benefits. Closing date: June 2. □

Return employee survey; become eligible for prize

Human Resources and Employment Equity reminds employees who have not yet returned their Employee Data Validation Survey, to please do so as soon as possible.

Anyone who did not receive a survey should contact HREE at ext. 6-2236.

One employee will be randomly chosen from those who return the survey to win a \$25 gift certificate from El Corral Bookstore. The winner will be chosen Friday (June 2). □

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recruiting new students to careers in agriculture; and

- Integration of learn-by-doing techniques and technologies into recruiting strategies.

"The 26 Hours of Science and Technology in Agriculture has contributed consistently to the enhancement of diversity on our campus and in the community," said President Baker. "At a time when diversity in higher education has encountered increasing difficulties, the 26 Hours Program provides an example of grass-roots commitment and collaboration among a wide cross section of university departments and divisions, student organizations and community groups."

Created as an agricultural science student's senior project, 26 Hours of Science and Technology in Agriculture emphasizes the need to educate students from traditionally underrepresented ethnic groups about managerial and professional careers in agriculture.

Students, counselors, teachers and administrators from participating schools are invited to campus for 26 hours in February or March to take part in workshops and activities that immerse them in the world of high-tech agriculture.

"The program does far more than simply attract students to Cal Poly," said Glen Casey, head of the Agricultural Education and Communication Department. "The multitude of individuals involved in offering the program raises a high level of awareness of the need to diversify the campus. Current students recognize the importance of diversity when they are involved in a program of this nature. It sensitizes them to differences that exist and needs to be addressed in achieving diversity."

"The program re-energizes institutional commitments to provide support to program participants once they are admitted to Cal Poly," Casey said. "It also serves as a valuable community service by working directly with high school and community college instructors, administrators and counselors in exposing their students to college life and the realm of possibilities available to college graduates."

An honorable mention this year was awarded to Academic Affairs staff member Denise Campbell for her leadership on the ReMEMber Quilt, a collaborative project that drew people from virtually every division and ethnic group on campus, both men and women. The quilt

commemorates San Luis Obispo County women who have been the victims of sexual assault.

The Diversity Award Committee of the University Diversity Enhancement Council, chaired by Harry Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, selected the two programs for recognition. The awards will be presented at a reception honoring the winners on June 7.

The Black Faculty and Staff Association received the award in 1999. □

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among the 240 in the country, was awarded to Cal Poly for its multitude of professional accomplishments and service to the community in 1999. The club's achievements last year included a first-place finish at the Pacific Southwest Regional Conference, third place in the National Steel-Bridge Competition, and seventh place at the National Concrete Canoe Competition.

Among its community service activities, the Cal Poly society built a playground at Bradley Elementary School, helped reconstruct local historical adobe buildings, and volunteered at the regional Special Olympics.

Chapter president Matt Moore said, "We've been a contender for the Ridgway Award throughout the '90s, including a win in 1993. Without the support of our faculty advisor, Gregg Fiegel, two years of work by dedicated officers and the continual involvement of our club members, we could not have achieved the level of excellence required to win this prestigious nationwide distinction."

This year's ASCE Southwest Regional contest was hosted by the University of Arizona in Tucson in April. More than 60 Cal Poly students, all members of the Society of Civil Engineers, participated, along with student teams from 16 other universities from Southern California, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii.

Cal Poly won the steel bridge, concrete canoe, technical presentation, surveying, and concrete bowling categories. The steel bridge and concrete canoe teams will go on to national competitions at Texas A&M University and the Colorado School of Mines. □