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**Designer of Arizona's Biosphere 2 to Speak Friday,
Close Series Focusing on Global Environment**

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Architect and activist Phil Hawes, designer of Biosphere 2 in Arizona, will speak at 2 p.m. Friday, May 7, in the final program of the Spring Hearst Lecture Series presented by Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Hawes will speak on sustainable town development as well as the development of Biosphere 2. The free, public lecture will be in the Rotunda (Room 213) of Cal Poly's Business Building.

The Biosphere complex was designed to be the first completely man-made, enclosed, self-sufficient environment for people. It was intended to operate without any resources or assistance from outside its glass shell.

Hawes is active in projects aimed at achieving communities able to sustain themselves in their basic requirements, from food and water to energy and building materials. He is working with a Global Eco-Village Project and developing a new sustainable town of 6,000 homes in New Mexico.

"Dr. Hawes has contributed to altering the existing world-paradigm to one of sustainability," said Hearst Lecture Series coordinator and Architecture Professor Laura Joines-Novotny. "Architects truly hold the key to the global thermostat."

With a theme of "Synergy," this quarter's Hearst Lecture Series focused on how simultaneous separate actions can interact to produce an effect greater than the sum of the parts.

"For us this means that our individual actions will add up to a greater total effect to keep us in existence on this planet," Joines-Novotny

said.

The Hearst Lecture Series brings internationally respected design professionals to Cal Poly to speak, visit classrooms and critique student design projects. The series is supported by a grant from the Hearst Foundation. For more information, call the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at (805) 756-1311.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: If you already have this event listed in calendar or other sections, please note that the time has been changed from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. Some earlier publicity might have given the incorrect time.

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