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Construction Sciences Forum to Showcase Developments In Technology, Sustainability, Effects of Sept. 11

Industry professionals will join Cal Poly professors and students in examining "Building in a Changed World" at the fourth annual Construction Sciences Forum on campus May 2-4.

Speakers, a product show, design and technology seminars, a roundtable discussion and other events will address changes in the construction industry, including developments in technology and sustainability and the effects of Sept. 11.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. May 2 with a talk by Arthur Dyson, dean of the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture at Wright's Taliesin East in Wisconsin and Taliesin West in Arizona. Dyson will speak about "Poetics in Architecture" in the Gallery of the Architecture and Environmental Design Building.

Other speakers for the three-day event include Cal Poly architectural engineering grad Eric Stovner, project manager for the firm in charge of all structural engineering aspects of searching, clearing and inspecting the site of the World Trade Center towers in New York, and widely acclaimed cutting-edge architect Randall Stout. Forum topics include construction codes and safety measures, the connections between energy and architecture, and new technologies and techniques in digital and computer-aided design.

Cal Poly faculty members will speak about straw-bale construction and sustainable building techniques.

On May 4, student design teams from colleges and universities around the state will compete in a design competition.

The Construction Sciences Forum is open to the public for fees ranging from \$90 to \$200. Separate tickets for the May 3 dinner and professional roundtable are available for \$15.

Except for the barbecue and dinner, the forum is free to all Cal Poly students and members of the faculty and staff.

The event is presented by the West Region of the Construction Specifications Institute in conjunction with Cal Poly's Construction Specifications Institute Student Affiliate and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

For more information on the schedule, fees and deadlines, look on the Web at www.calpoly.edu/~csiclub, e-mail calpoly_csi@hotmail.com or call (805) 459-7106.

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