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NEWS ADVISORY

TO: Editors, City Editors, Assignment Editors, Photo Editors, Reporters

RE: Story/Photo Opportunity

EVENT: Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design's Cardboard Boat Regatta and Preview

WHERE: Cal Poly's Recreation Center Pool

WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Visitors will also be able to inspect the entries 10-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, just before the races begin.

PREVIEW: Visitors can preview the creations and talk with the student designers on the university's Dexter Lawn Friday (Jan. 25) from 1 to 2 p.m.

WHO: More than 75 students in a fundamental architectural design class have designed, constructed and will attempt to navigate vessels made from two 4-foot-by-6-foot sheets of cardboard, brown paper tape and clear polyurethane waterproofing.

WHAT: To qualify for the final race for the regatta's coveted "Cardboard Cup," each craft must stay afloat through one qualifying heat. Admission is free.

RAIN ADVISORY: The regatta will launch on Sunday rain or shine.

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(NOTE to Editors and News Directors: Reporters, photographers and camera crews are welcome to cover these events. The teachers will be on hand, as well as the students, who will be available to talk about how they intend to cross the finish line in winning style. For more information on the event, call 756-7432.)