Two minor sports dropped for '82-'83

BY NANCY LEWIS

Cal Poly men's volleyball and water polo were dropped from the university's 1982-'83 intercollegiate athletics program, President Warren Baker announced Wednesday.

The need to drop men's water polo and volleyball was a combination of insufficient funding as well as a facility problem, Baker said in a memo to the 14-member Athletic Advisory Commission, which has been reviewing the intercollegiate athletics program since Fall Quarter.

In a statement, Baker said, "The needs of the instructional program of the Physical Education Department, combined with the scheduling of men's and women's basketball and men's wrestling, and the increasing facility demands of the intramural/recreation program, make it impossible for us to continue men's volleyball." Volleyball Coach Craig Cummings, said the decision was based on weak reasons. He said the team budget is $2,600.

"We could draw and easily clear the budget. When you make money it's ridiculous to drop a sport. If you run it like a business, then volleyball wouldn't be cut," Cummings said.

"Decision hurts" He added, "It hurts. You have a team ranked eighth in the nation for first division and then you cut a sport like that..."

A similar situation exists in terms of the combined problems associated with budgetary limitations and facilities in conjunction with the use of the outdoor pool, making it necessary

If the university gives the go-ahead, Baker will go to President Warren Baker and the board of trustees.

Gerard said that he is not convinced that putting the Greeks all in one place is in their best interest.

"People must learn to live with other people," he said. "You have to live as a good neighbor no matter where you live. We'll still respect them to behave reasonably.

Cal Poly's Inter-Fraternity Council has been working on the Greek housing project since last spring. The proposed site for the project is on the southeast corner of Highland Avenue and Highway 1.

The land is presently a 14.2-acre orchard run by the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The trees in the orchard must be uprooted due to a disease called Brown Rot. The fraternities and sororities could purchase the land or rent it from the university. All feel that someday they would like to own the land or have the option of going to the university and the frats," said Leets.

"This project is going to run into millions of dollars and the fraternities and sororities are going to absorb the costs. We want the future of the project to go well," Leets said. "A Greek row could solve many of the problems that presently exist for the fraternities and sororities.

"I think that a Greek row is in the best interest of the city, as well as the university and the frats," said Leets.

"For one thing the city won't have to deal with the frats in the neighborhoods. There will be less complaints. There is also the housing shortage that this will help to cut down.

Bringing Greeks together A Greek row would bring the fraternities and sororities together. At present, Leets, inter-Greek relations are not as good as they could be.

"If the Greeks are closer they have a better chance to interact," he said.

When the houses are situated as ours are, all over the town there isn't as much communication. We could be more productive. We could do more for the university and the community as well as ourselves. We'd be a lot stronger," said Leets.

Currently five fraternities and two sororities are interested in moving onto a Greek row as soon as possible. All but one fraternity has at least $150,000 to build a house on the row. All feel that the mortgage amount and more could be raised through loans, fund-raisers, or alumni support.

"All feel that someday they would like to build a house on the row. This information was obtained through a questionnaire distributed to the fraternities and sororities by Bill Spence, Greek Row Coordinator.

"The idea of having a Greek row has been kicked around for a long time. We figured you have to start somewhere so we did," said Leets.

Poly Royal Queen crowned

BY TWYLA THOMAS

Karen Devor couldn't wait to call her Poly name Tuesday night.

Devor, a 21-year-old physical education major from Elkhart, had just been chosen from a field of 37 contestants at the 1982 Poly Royal Queen at Chumash Auditorium.

You sit back there and you wait and you don't want to hear your name till the very end, but you don't want to be left out," said an ecstatic Devor moments after winning the title. While she said she was "amazed" to win animal science Professor Roy Harris, who was one of the judges, said Karen's "pace and ability to conduct herself as an adult behind the microphone" impressed him.

Devor's court includes four princesses: Leslie Ferreira, first runner-up; Michelle Brooks, second runner-up; Cheryl Hayert, third runner-up; and Cara Schorrage, fourth runner-up. According to Sandy Schultz, Queen's Chairperson of the Poly Royal Executive Board, the Poly Royal Queen's duties are to represent Cal Poly during Poly Royal, attend luncheons and barbecues, help judge booths, speak at opening ceremonies and assist in presenting Poly royal events.

Candy Eckert, the 1981 Poly Royal queen said "pace and the ability to stand up under pressure were the criteria by which the contestants were judged, Public speaking's got to come across very well. It is one of the main duties of the Poly Royal Queen to be well rounded, well-versed and able to present herself well," said Eckert.

While men were welcome to compete in the pageant, all contestants were women. They were nominated by any chartered organization on campus, and had to be seniors in order to be seniors in order to be entered in the pageant.

"Ten finalists were then announced, and they had a choice of questions they would be asked on the question of the night. The questions involved the history and traditions of Po Poly, and questions to be asked had been on the women's part.

On the night of the pageant, Master of Ceremonies Monte Mills asked each contestant a question. The questions were judged on her speaking ability and presence in front of people.

Ten finalists were then announced, and they had
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A ban on private possession of handguns—patterned after a landmark ordinance recently adopted in a small Illinois town—has been proposed by Dianne Feinstein, mayor of one of the country’s largest cities.

Violations of the ban, which would not extend to rifles or shotguns, would carry a penalty of 30 days in jail. Residents would have 90 days to sell their weapons or surrender them to police, without question, once the ordinance took effect.

A ban on handguns in Morton Grove, Ill., gained widespread attention when it was upheld in U.S. District Court. An appeal to a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals failed, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the issue.

Her proposal carries special significance here since she was appointed mayor following the November 1978 shooting deaths of her predecessor, George Moscone, and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

"Clearly, we must stop this carnage," she said Wednesday, noting that San Francisco has an inordinately high homicide rate.

The ordinance would stand a court test of its constitutionality, the city attorney's office said after examining a draft. It requires approval by the Board of Supervisors.

"The federal courts considered the ban under the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment," said Chief Public Defender Peter Keene, who penned the San Francisco draft. He said the amendment's guarantee of control measures after the assassination of Coonradt and Milk.

"I will definitely have Sirhan testify," attorney Luke McKissack said Tuesday. "But I haven't made the tactical decision yet on how many people I'll call to refute the phony accusations against him by other inmates."

District Attorney John Van de Kamp, who has petitioned the board to rescind Sirhan's Sept. 1, 1984 release date, submitted a petition quoting inmates as saying Sirhan had boasted to a fellow inmate that he would "take care of" Robert Kennedy's brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., after his release.

Sirhan denies he made such a statement.

Van de Kamp also has said Sirhan's parole should not be approved on the same terms as those of other convicted killers because Kennedy's murder was a political assassination.

"When the parole board gave him a release date back in 1976, they did not consider the issue of political assassination," the district attorney said.

The April 26 hearing is scheduled to take place at the Solved Correctional Training Facility.

Watt improperly used government funds to throw two Christmas receptions and must reimburse the government at least $4,500, federal auditors have ruled.

"We expect Mr. Watt to appear at our hearing with checkbook in hand ready to repay the misspent funds," said Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., who is holding the hearing.

There was no immediate comment from Watt. "We have not seen that report yet and would not be able to comment on it," said Interior Department spokesman Phil Milion.

The auditor's opinion involved a Dec. 14 breakfast and Dec. 17 cocktail party held at Arlington House, also known as the Custis-Lee Mansion.

Correction

The oral health educator pictured on page one of today's San Francisco Daily was incorrectly identified as Maria Ortiz. Her real name is Martha Long.

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Like the space craft Enterprise picture here, the space shuttle program is currently grounded. But four space shuttle flights have been planned in an effort to industrialize space.

...U.S. to industrialize space
BY KATHLEEN HORIZON

In the middle of a Florida swamp, an old pickup truck chased wild pigs and alligators off the 15,000 foot runway in preparation for the landing of America's space shuttle. It was a picture of "technology dominated by wildlife."

This scene was animatedly described to a small group of students by Ronald Haybron, an aerospace specialist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at a meeting of the Cal Poly Engineering and Technology Council on Tuesday.

Haybron explained the intellectual and practical implications of the space shuttle program. Although five shuttles, or space transportation systems (STS), were originally planned, only four have been funded. However, a private firm, the Space Transportation Co., has offered to buy the fifth shuttle for commercial use, according to Haybron.

America is not alone in its hopes to industrialize space. Japan and Western Europe are now designating their own commercially viable space projects, Haybron said. This will, in turn, lead to multinational companies becoming involved in space, much like they are now involved in oil production.

By 1986, McDonnell-Douglas Corporation has predicted that the STS will be producing commercial goods for a profit.

"We are no longer in the exploration stage when it comes to near earth space," said Haybron. "We have graduated to the use stage."

STS3 is scheduled to be launched on March 22, 1982, but it "might go up a few days early," said Haybron. He likens the launch to a "religious ritual" and a "pageant of sorts, where people go to be seen." It is louder than a rock concert with 120 decibel noise, and acid rain follows the blinding inferno and tumbling earth created by lift-off.

According to Haybron, Apollo 11 was the high point of the exploratory age. The Apollo missions have provided valuable information that may some day allow the moon to be developed for its mineral resources.

The STS in actual use is based on total information control which makes problems in space easier to solve because they can be duplicated on earth, he said.

The future space shuttle will revolutionize communication and learning and could lead to the construction of large space structures. Some of the advantages are already here, said Haybron. The STS is reusable, for the most part, and even the astronauts' suits are made to last for 15 years and be worn by more than one person, he said. The Apollo astronaut's suits were custom made, made for one flight only, he said, and only the capsule returned to earth in one piece.

Faculty bargaining won't hurt students
BY SHARON REZAK

Despite a state report stating otherwise, students will not be hurt by faculty collective bargaining, according to the Academic Senate chairman.

Timothy Kersten denounced a 1981 report put out by state coordinators of the California State Student Association which states negotiations at a bargaining session can have a negative and costly impact on students' lives.

The report said that with high education employees bargaining for higher wages, tuition and fees could be increased or student services and programs drastically cut.

"I don't think students will have to pay for higher teacher salaries," said Kersten. "The faculty wants students to receive the best possible education, with the best possible benefits, tuition-free."

The CSSA report also said students could become directly involved in the bargaining process by evaluating teaching, making decisions about tenure and promotion of faculty, and discussing class size, course offerings, grading policies and office hours.

"Tenure will never be an issue in collective bargaining," said Kersten. Kersten said he doubted the question of tenure, promotion and hiring would ever be brought to the bargaining table because they are unnegotiable subjects. He said tenure is too important to faculty members to be "risked" at the bargaining table.

As for other issues such as class size and grading policies which the report stated students could negotiate, Kersten said these issues and questions are usually handled and heard by the Academic Senate or the ASI. Class size, grading policies, office hours and other student concerns are on-campus issues, he said, and have nothing to do with employer-employee relations in a bargaining situation.

"Collective bargaining allows for only three negotiations for the employee. Bargaining for better wages, for better hours and for better working conditions," said Kersten.

"What will be the role of students in the bargaining process?"

"I think students will be interested observers at bargaining sessions," said Kersten. "They'll be able to watch the bargaining process, be present at the meetings, and submit information to other students through campus groups like the ASI."

The Higher Education Employee Relations Act (HEERA) of 1978 which gave state college and university employees collective bargaining rights also gives representative students the right to "be present and comment at reasonable times" during negotiations.

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Horticulture meeting

People interested in horticulture through therapy are encouraged to attend a meeting of the Horticulture Therapy group on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Union to discuss the formation of a chapter. Officers and interested volunteers are welcome.

Sorority dance

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority is giving a dance Friday in Mustang Lounge from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is $1.

ACM speaker

Brian Haas from TRW will be speaking to the Association of Computing Machinery at 7:30 p.m. today in Ag Engineering 123. The biweekly ACM meetings will proceed the speech at 7:00.

Can-stacking contest

The March of Dimes will be holding a can-stacking contest using aluminum cans on March 6 at noon in Madonna Road Plaza. The cans will be recycled, with the proceeds going to the March of Dimes.

Statistics Club drawing

The Statistics Club is holding a drawing for a $34 value and a $125 gift certificate, all for 50 cents. The drawing will be held in U.U. 220 on March 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Class lists

Students are reminded that Winter Quarter study lists are available in their major departments. The study list should include all courses and sections in which the student will receive a final grade.

Support needed

The breadth of the curriculum necessitates special support, warned Baker. If student interest materials, then, there may be a willingness to provide the staffing support required to maintain the program. The student body has the opportunity to review intercollegiate athletics within the context of a budgetary procedure, said Baker.

More sports may be axed from program

Support needed for the March of Dimes can't be finalized until the student-body voted Wednesday evening.

Additional support

Additional support necessary to carry out the remainder of the intercollegiate programs will be provided if the ASI and Intercollegiate Activities Committee recommend the resolution of $20,000 for minor sports.

All sports—football, basketball, baseball, tennis, track, wrestling, and volleyball—will be reviewed for possible reduction. Three-to-five minute presentations will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. today in Ag Engineering 123.

Squad will meet

The Mustang Debate Squad will be holding open tryouts for the March 31 National Debate. These English-speaking representatives of the Japanese National Debate Team are stopping at Cal Poly for their six-week national tour. The headtryouts will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in English 318 on Monday, March 1. Interested students should prepare a three-to-five minute speech on Japanese/American Trade Relations. For more information, call Dr. Bud Zeuschner at 546-1202.

CD Club speaker

Dennis Nulman will talk about the special educational career opportunities and more at the next Child Development Club meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

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Student project will provide discounts to seniors

BY MAURA THURMAN
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly student's senior project will save the county's senior citizens 10-30 percent on bills for car repair and other necessities.

Recreation major Ross Ohrenschall will wrap up his senior project this week by publishing a guide to nearly 70 businesses that offer discounts to the over-60 crowd.

The program began with a $650 grant from the state Department of Consumer Affairs. Another senior, Kristie McKeen, originally worked on the project, and turned it over to Ohrenschall in September.

Ohrenschall said he initially expected to sign up 66 merchants. Many businesses already have senior discount programs, he said. Project, under the direction of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, will make the participating merchants easy to find, as well as attract more businesses to the program.

Ohrenschall and his eight senior volunteers will begin distributing cards for the Golden State Senior Discount Program to the county's 35,000 senior citizens next week. A gold placard will appear in the windows of participating businesses.

Most of the businesses are "practical services" Ohrenschall said, like restaurants and auto repair shops. About half the establishments offered discounts already, he said, and most volunteered when told about the project. Occasionally, Ohrenschall said, they persuade a merchant to sign up by mentioning that "we're a project and we have no money to pay you." Occasionaliy, Ohrenschall said, they persuade a merchant to sign up by mentioning that "we're a project and we have no money to pay you."

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From page 1 to undergo a spontaneous question-and-answer phase, after which the queen and princesses were chosen based on their answers.

The other finalists were Denise Hansa, Allison Hillnick, Kimberly Mayo, Carla Wendi, and Stephanie Winn.

Mills cracked jokes all evening long, and seemed to enjoy asking the 10 finalists questions like "Would you go to Pirate's Cove?" "What's your version of a male "10"?" and "Is chivalry dead at Cal Poly?"

In answer to the chivalry question, Finalist Kimber­ ley Mayb said. "Since I sit at home Friday nights, I tend to think so."

Another intriguing answer came from first runner-up Leslie Ferreta, who said her version of a male "10" would be "a cowboy."

The pageant, which is not meant to be a beauty contest, was locked on positively by several of the contestants.

Contestant Marjorie Bende, a computer science major, said "It's really interesting seeing all the girls and meeting them. It's fun being involved in this type of activity. Knowing that I participated in something that I feel is worthwhile, in Poly Rocks, is special to me."

Finalist Stephanie Winn liked participating in the pageant because "you make new friends" even though she found it to be nerve-wracking.

In the end, Devor was an expected $400 printing bill.

"But at the news conference we promised we'd give the cards out for free," Ohrenschall said. "So we're go­ ing to sell the directories for a dollar instead."

Although Ohrenschall said he is most interested in the commercial aspects of his recreation major, he said he enjoyed working with senior volunteers.

"They've been enthusiastic and energetic," he said. "Before this, I had mostly been around seniors like my grandparents or other relatives."

Other students who are looking for senior project ideas should contact the Retired Senior Volunteer Pro­ gram, Ohrenschall said.

"Someone will be needed to update the directory," he said. "Who knows how big it will be by then."

Postal center facing problems

A pint of chocolate syrup and as much as a half pound of washers and slugs in the coin slot have been cited as some of the causes of poor service at Poly's self-service postal center, the student's self-service postal center, at ASI business officis, said Ray Macias, a purchase and mail services building.

Students complain that the post office has a service man on call who can res­ pond within an hour, and second, that in the past three to four months the man has been on campus two or three times a day.
There will be more at stake than the California Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball title when the Mustangs take the floor tonight at 7:30 in Bakersfield's Civic Auditorium to face the hometown Roadrunners.

The NCAA released word on Tuesday that both Cal Poly and Cal State Bakersfield have been given berths in the Division II playoffs beginning on March 5. In addition, the winner of tonight's CCAA showdown between the fifth-ranked Mustangs and seventh-ranked Roadrunners will be given the privilege and advantage of hosting the Western Regional.

Cal Poly's inclusion in the prestigious 32-team field marks the third straight year the Mustangs have been involved in the postseason tournament. Last year coach Ernie Wheeler's Mustangs finished third in the nation among 300 Division II teams.

The playoff bids should take some pressure off both teams, since the loser could end up in a tie for second place with Dominguez Hills. This would have created a question as to which team would receive the bid. But then Wheeler doesn't think there is any pressure on his team— one of the young players he has taken into the postseason tournament.

"I don't think there's any pressure on us," Wheeler said. "We've always played well at Bakersfield."

However, three of the current Mustang starters have never played at Bakersfield, although they all saw action in Poly's 67-63 win over the Roadrunners in the Main Gym a month ago. In that contest Poly scored 41 second-half points to come from behind to win a close one.

The two teams' performances of late have been anything but close. Bakersfield routed both Cal Poly Pomona by 27 points and UC Riverside over the weekend, while the Mustangs edged Pomona in overtime by three and defeated Riverside by eight.

The flu bug was probably as much to blame as anything for the Mustangs' flat performance in the past two games, although, starting center Mike Franklin was the only Mustang to sit out an entire game because of illness.

Practice has gone a little slow for the Mustangs this week as some of the players are still recovering from the ailment, Wheeler said. But if they are not 100 percent by 7:30 tonight Wheeler will be the sick one (with an ulcer), he said.

Asked if his team's youth— Wheeler will start three sophomores and a junior— will be a factor in the game, the nine-year Poly head coach replied: "We've played 26 games and they're no longer rookies, they're veterans."

Of those 26 games the Mustangs have won 24 for their third consecutive 20-plus-win season. Bakersfield is 21-4 on the season and 10-0 on their home court.

The game will not only feature the CCAA's two best teams, but also the conference's two best players in Poly's Kevin Lucas and Bakersfield's Wayne McDaniel. With this being the last regular season game, Lucas would appear to have the CCAA scoring title clinched with 20.2 points per game average. McDaniel is in second place in the scoring race, averaging 19.0 points a game and 8.8 rebounds.

For those Mustang fans who are still without a ticket to the Bakersfield game, 400 general admission tickets go on sale today at 9 a.m. at the Civic Auditorium box office. Only one Poly booster bus has been reserved for the trip and it has already been filled. However, Mike Powell will have his usual broadcast of the game for KVEQ radio, 920 on the AM dial.
BY VERN AHRENDTS

Today is the Friday of 76. This is Day 76 in the search for a new football coach since Joe Harper left the helm in December.

This has been a classic example of bureaucracy in action. Given Harper's resignation, a decision still will not be made.

The excuses are being legitimate Monday was the first day back for university President Warren Link, but the excuses still do not solve the problem.

The field of 70 applicants was narrowed down to six and the final interviews began earlier this week with the announcement of the new coach expected by March 1 at the earliest.

It is obvious that the committee is being very selective with the hopes of the new coach sticking around as long as Harper did. But, have the sacrifices been worth it?

The players are confused and would like the answers. In talks with some of the players, the general consensus is that they would not know who is guiding the ship and soon. The players who have been in the program lose soon. The players who have been in the program lose soon. The players who have been in the program lose soon.

The six still in the running, two of the candidates (Dave Groz and Jim Sanders) have lived under the Harper regime and would offer a smoothest transition. It is a little awkward, however, to waste 11 weeks to pick someone who was in your back.

There is great news and bad news for tonight's "Daily in the Valley" as Cal Poly travels to Fullerton for a conference meeting. The good news is that the game will be stopped at 9:00 p.m. in the Civil Auditorium. The bad news is that only 400 general admission seats will go on sale today. Which means that if you do not have a ticket already, you might not be able to get one.

Dottie Lambert, secretary in the Physical Education Department, said Wednesday all 47 seats on the Mustang Boosters' bus have been sold and she has to turn away about 50 people who were asking just for tickets.

It is obvious, and as expected, Bakersfield is trying to close up the dace and control the crowd tonight.

There is some good news on the baseball front earlier. Paul Hertzler, who injured his shoulder in a skiing accident, has undergone surgery this winter, is not expected to be ready for spring training next month, but now he says he has the green light to report to Daytona Beach with the Montreal Expos.

This week's pitch: If the fly bug does not set in again, Poly will win by one tonight in Bakersfield.

Men netters win 2, lose one

Cal Poly's men's tennis team visited the Southland and came away with a 2-1 record, with both wins coming over California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) foes.

Poly defeated Cal State Dominguez Hills, 9-0, and Cal Poly Pomona, 8-1, in establishing themselves as a co-favorite for the CCAA title.

The loss defeat was to NAIA tennis power Redlands, 6-3. The three wins in that dual went to singles players Mike Manicki and Tom Steingraber, and those two paired for a winning double team.

Martin Dyedell, Poly's No. 1 singles player, won two for three in defeating both league opponents. He took the measure of CPP's Dominguez Hills, 9-0, and CDSD's Doctorgranger, 6-3, 6-4, and fell to senior Karlsson's Bakersfield with a 6-4, 6-4.
Reasonable control

The reaction seems almost as inevitable as the sun’s rising tomorrow.

Following every assassination or attempted slaying of a national or world leader, a new wave of public outcry sweeps the nation calling for effective legislation against the use and ownership of handguns. The current wave of support follows the shootings of John Lennon, Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II. Every time in the past, the National Rifle Association and other pro-gun lobbyists have ridden in on such public outrage.

This time, though, the result could be different.

 Californians will have the chance to petition to place the Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1982 on the state ballot in November. If approved in November, the measure would not ban handguns, but would require their registration and limit their numbers to the present level.

The initiative would require registration of all handguns in the state by Nov. 2, 1983, and would ban the sale of unregistered weapons after April 30, 1983. It would also make it illegal to bring unregistered handguns into California, ban mail-order sales of concealable handguns and slap mandatory sentences on all violators. The possession of rifles and shotguns would not be affected.

To date, this is the most significant effort in the nation to bring handguns under reasonable control. If passed, it could lead to the passage of an effective federal gun-control law.

While this initiative is an important step toward protecting the lives and property of Californians, as the case for controlling the sale and use of handguns is virtually air tight.

Last year in the City of Los Angeles alone, 899 homicides were reported, and the FBI reports that handguns are the weapon of choice in more than 50 percent of all homicides, which amount to 15 percent. Nationwide, U.S. handgun deaths now exceed 11,500 annually, 40 times greater than the combined total annual gunshot deaths in Great Britain, Switzerland, Canada, West Germany, Japan, Israel and Sweden.

In their defense, the NRA and others will inevitably appeal to Californians that handgun possession is protected by the Second Amendment to the Constitution. But this is not so. The Second Amendment states: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

No, there is no sacred right of every citizen to carry his or her own piece down the street. The courts have been unanimous about this in interpreting the Second Amendment.

The facts speak for themselves, as long as the NRA and others can get away with it, they will continue to pull the strings of voters everywhere.

It is clear the opposition will be tough, but the campus community can do its part to guarantee a safer tomorrow for all Californians by petitioning to place the Handgun Violence Prevention Act on the November ballot.

Letters

One-sided attack

Editor:

As a long time south county resident and avid fan of ORV use in the Pismo Dunes I am becoming increasingly upset with the Mustang Daily Editorial Board in their one-sided attack on not only the actions but the personality makeup of anyone who enjoys using the dunes. By your statement, "We wonder about people who can only enjoy nature by ravaging it," you show that you know very little about these people. Believe it or not, there are people in the REAL world who use ORV's, but don't maim engines and off-road vehicles and who have an appreciation for nature.

To assume that everyone who uses the dunes on holiday weekends the numbers grow in excess of 60,000 people is destructive shows an inexcusable lack of information on a subject you know very little about these people. You would find a comradarie and would find that people do pick up their run their vehicles on, the trails. You would find a genuine fun and enjoyment about. Your armchair advocate is destructive shows an inexcusable lack of information on a subject you know very little about these people. "You would find a comradarie and would find that people do pick up their run their vehicles on, the trails. You would find a genuine fun and enjoyment about. Your armchair advocate is destructive shows an inexcusable lack of information on a subject you know very little about these people."

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P.S. Due to the behavior of the crowd at The Pretenders concert, the lid on the J. Geils band was rescinded and A.S.I. Concerts will not allow the crowd to push to the front of the stage and let the kids push themselves to the front (for review see if they will be allowed to put on any more shows this year).