Better 'check' before writing bad one

by Scott Swanson

You're like a million other college students. Here you are only in the first week of the quarter and you're out of money. What do you do?

You decide to write a check and cash it. After all, you reason, the worst that can happen is that you'll have to pay a $10 fine for overdrawing your account right?

Wrong. You would be breaking the law, and besides causing other people trouble, you may cause a lot of trouble for yourself.

According to Cal Poly Public Safety Investigator Wayne Carmack, most people don't realize the penalties that they may have to pay for writing bad checks.

"What students don't realize is that they can be prosecuted for writing bad checks," Carmack said. "They write checks knowing their accounts don't have money. That's against the law."

The main victim of bad checks at Cal Poly is the Cal Poly Foundation. The El Corral bookstore and University Union cashier's office have the most problems.

In fiscal year 1981-1982 the Foundation received over 1,300 returned checks, an average of 125 a month. The Foundation has to put up with the paperwork involved with returned checks, which means phone calls to the bank, preparing requests to buy the checks back from the banks, setting the bad checks up on an accounts receivable computer system, sending notices to the check writers, and having Brinks Inc. deliver the checks.

The Foundation is kind, though, according to Supervisor Account Clerk Pat Barker, who handles the bad check problems.

"If a student can bring a better from the bank stating that the error was the bank's, then we cancel the $10 service charge we charge on top of the bank's," Barker said. "We give the student notice and reasonable time to take care of the problem."

The Foundation has an advantage that businesses off campus don't have. It can have a hold put on a student's records if the check is not cleared within a reasonable time.

"There are a few checks we have to write off," Barker said. "But we try to work with other college students, and most students realize they have to get their accounts in order."

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In the best On-Campus Review division, the Daily'sPLaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento, also included seminars on different areas of the profession, given by speakers from the Sacramento area.

Low quality' is deans reason for KCPR veto

by Mark Brown

KCPR's failure to improve program quality was a primary reason for President Warren Baker's denial of the station's request for a power increase and relocation of its transmitter, according to a memo issued two weeks ago.

Jon Ericson, dean of the school of Communicative Arts and Humanities, urged Tomlinson Fort Jr., vice president of Academic Affairs, to deny KCPR's re­quest in a memo dated March 15, 1983.

"Some years ago, I recommended to President Robert Kennedy that KCPR's request to increase power to 2,000 watts be approved on the condition that the station would improve the educational and cultural content of its programming," Ericson stated in the memo. "I do not believe the promised improvement has been made."

"I believe that no further increase in power or audience size should be made until after KCPR has demonstrated its ability to plan for the change they propose," the memo continued.

In sum, I recommend in the strongest possible terms the disapproval of the proposed transmitter move," Ericson concluded.

Although a special task force formed to study KCPR's programming and the proposed expansion recommended that the expansion proceed, Ericson recommended that the group's advice should not be taken, as the committee majority was "unable or un­ willing to focus on their proper charge—to state what KCPR can be and should be."

"Students, administra­tion, faculty, and the Chamber of Commerce and local media were represented on the 7-person task force. A reading of the committee's minutes suggests that a majority of the committee functioned with far more limited goals than their chairman," Ericson's memo stated. "Minutes of the first meeting indicate that the Journalism Department wanted the transmitter move endorsed as the first order of business."

Ed Zucchini, station advisor and journalism pro­fessor, disagreed with Ericson's statements concern­ing KCPR's programming.

"We have increased our news and public affairs roughly 300 percent (since going to 2,000 watts) and we have added several programs that the students have paid for through under­writing," he said. These programs include Star Date, Los Angeles Times and Pacific Concert.

Zucchini feels that the decision on the transmitter increase has been made before the students began working on the project. "There has been no criticism in writing or otherwise of the KCPR operation for the past 10 or 12 years," he said. "We've had no feedback from the dean regarding the radio station."
Bank awarded $ in Marx trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - A jury decided Wednesday that Groucho Marx's longtime companion Erin Fleming defrauded the aging comedian during their six-year relationship that ended with his death in 1977.

Fleming, 42, was found liable for $221,000 in punitive damages, $250,000 in compensatory damages, and $428,000 in cash and gifts the bank said she obtained from the estate of the late comedian during their six-year relationship that ended with his death in 1977.

Superior Court Judge Jacqueline Weiss halted the jury as the findings were still being read. The jury had called its hasty recess as the findings were still being read.

When they were polled individually, their answers indicated they actually were split 8-4 and did not have the majority of nine.

The jurors themselves seemed confused, since they were not given any instruction about the use of undue influence to obtain money.

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Superior Court Judge Jacqueline Weiss halted reading the verdict and called the attorneys to the bench for a conference.

In the past, the bank has sold its oil at a discount of $6 or so from its official price. Many analysts believe the Iranians will continue to offer some discount.

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Japan's major oil customers would accept the offer, and Britain proposes oil price cut

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Transmitter relocation poses problem for KCPR

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"I don't think that these ground rules and opinions had been expressed several years ago before our students were encouraged to go ahead on the application by the university administration," he added. "So the task force should have been formed long before we did all this work."

National speech frat gets a Cal Poly chapter at last

by Susan Elliott Special to the Daily

The Cal Poly Forensics Team is starting a charter membership to Pi Kappa Delta, a national fraternity honoring excellence in speaking events.

"This is the first time Cal Poly has ever been represented by Pi Kappa Delta," Forensic Team Chairperson Maureen McCurry said of the honorary fraternity that was organized in 1912. "It will give us opportunity and will enable us to have a greater base of forensics.

However, the task force was formed during fall-quarter, and its report was completed on March 15. The report recommended, among other things, that an Advisory Board be formed for the station; the station have two fulltime academic advisors instead of one part-time advisor, more seminars and campus events be broadcast; the administration make a financial commitment and investment in the station to improve its service to the community and the university proceed with the relocation of the transmitter and the increase in power from 2,000 to 3,000 watts.

However, the recommendation concerning the transmitter passed on a split vote of four to three, while the rest of the recommendations were unanimous.

Although Thomas Johnston, associate dean of the school of Communicative Arts and Humanities and head of the task force, has stated that the transmitter relocation has not been ruled out indefinitely, the denial at this time may have that effect, Zuchelli stated.

"It'll be years before we can move on this again," he said. The campus had backed out after getting approval, "but I think the task force should have had with Denise Krause (Agricultural Journalism Department Head Randall Murray echoed Zuchelli's sentiments in a memorandum last October. "If KCPR does not move its transmitter to Cuesta Peak, the station faces the near possibility of having that option foreclosed if, as is expected, more frequencies are permitted in the tri-county area," he stated. "Currently, the KCPR signal from Cuesta Peak would not interfere with existing stations elsewhere. If new stations are added to the FM band, as is proposed under an FCC plan, KCPR may not win permission to make the move."

Poly animals will star in zoo

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somewhere down the line people are going to want transparencies. Our collection rate is pretty good."

If a person seems to be obviously trying to defraud the Foundation, Public Safety is contacted.

"If there is any reason to suspect that anyone is trying to defraud us, then we get the university police involved," said Donna Fritz, Foundation Accounting Officer Manager. "We seldom do this.

Bank cards, etc.

Lost wallet recovered, but money keeps going

Lost your checkbook or your wallet with your bank teller machine card in it could be disastrous.

According to San Luis Obispo Police Detective Ray Berrett who handles checking account crimes, bank card crimes are a recent problem and a lot of victims have been students. Berrett outlined a common situation:

A student will get a card in the mail and realize anything has gone wrong, they're overdrawn their account in anticipation of student loans, money from parents, etc.

"People will try to pay us," he said. "They'll say 'Let me give you a check.'"

"They make a good faith effort to contact the party on the check before getting hold of me," Carmack said. "Usually the one we end up prosecution knowing the account is bad and don't plan on paying. They think they're going to get away with it. They think they can get easy money by easy means."

"If there is any reason to suspect that anyone is trying to defraud us, then we get the university police involved," said Donna Fritz, Foundation Accounting Officer Manager. "We seldom do this.

Acc to San Luis Obispo Police Investigator Ray Berrett, who handles bad checks full time, a person issuing checks with the intent to defraud is arrested on felony charges and jailed with $2,000 bond.

Besides the embarrassment of arrest, the individual will have to go to court, and most can't afford to pay the $2,000 bond to pay back all the money, placed on two to three year probation, may spend time in jail, may have to perform a certain number of hours of community service, will have a criminal record, and will be on a bad credit rating for years.

A few days later the secret number appeared. Last year Berrett handled 760 check cases and arrested 284 bad check writers. He attributed a lot of the time problems to ignorance. But there's no excuse."

A common mistake is to have the secret number written on the card or carried in the wallet instead of with the card. This amounts to handing over easy money for any would-be thief, he said.

On the other hand, students who find a check book should not let themselves be tempted to write a check. Forgers carry stiff penalties and is one of the easiest crimes to crack because of the evidence available to investigators.

One woman made the mistake of starting to write her own name on the signature line. She scratched it out and wrote the checkbook owner's name, but it was enough for Berrett and his fellow officers. They went to Cal Poly and went through all the Cynthia registered, narrowed them down through other clues to the right one, and arrested the suspect.

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Computers are operating everywhere at Poly

by Gall Pollerin

Time magazine named it the "Man of the Year" for 1962. And at Cal Poly, numerous operations are easier, more dependable and more effective because of this incredible "man."

Yes, computers have arrived, and they are everywhere.

According to Jackie Bayne, coordinator for international computing services, computers are used as instructional aids for professors, administration, business and operations at El Corral Bookstore and Cal Poly Foundation. The computer science major program enrolls about 600 students, and practically every other major requires some sort of computer science course, Bayne said.

The courses teach the structure of different computer systems, how to operate systems and program languages, and computer literacy.

"Many people have been intimidated by computers," Bayne said, "and some still are." She added that she hopes others will learn to use computers as tools.

Excluding computer science, other majors learn computer concepts from established programs, she explained.

For mathematical problems, computers are used to help solve equations. Agriculture students will use the hardware to simulate marketing situations; some even write their own programs for use on the large Central system.

Architecture and engineering students use the computer programs to calculate stress on buildings, Bayne said.

The agriculture engineering department has its own network of Apple computers, she added. The program is not technically oriented, she explained, yet the department pushes ahead on its own to acquire a network to motivate learning.

With the aid of computers, professors can teach whole new concepts, and the process is faster than the use of pencil and paper, Bayne said.

The slide rule and calculator can't complete a numerical analysis as effectively as computer graphs, she added.

Bayne questions why the school of business doesn't teach many computer courses. Since numerous businesses require their employees to have a

Home computers such as this are becoming more common in student homes, as assignments requiring computer usage are on the rise.

Background in the field of business data processing, she questions why computer education is not stressed in the department. She added, "Every large business uses computers."

Currently, a computer-assisted design and manufacturing lab is being established that will use computers to design a machine or tool, then manufacture the instrument.

"It's a new thing in industry, and it is expensive to implement," Bayne said.

In addition to educational uses, computers have also moved into the administrative side of university operations. Since 1979, all registration has been performed by computers, eliminating the two-day rush in the gym.

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Computers insure smooth functioning at Poly

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The CDC Cyber computer also enables administrative personal to have access to data files with terminals located in their office area. Bayna explained that this is much less frustrating for the employees because they don’t have to trek down to the computer center to do their business.

Angela added feature of the computer is the word processing, which makes the task of typing error-free and secures much more efficient.

According to programmer and system analyst, Neal Feaver, for about the last year the Foundation has been in the process of converting from a batch unit card system to the Hewlett-Packard 300-44, which is an on-line system.

The major reason for changing the system was that the old unit had only 53K (about 32,000 bytes of memory) and the HP-2000 has one million characters of memory. Feaver explained, adding that the new computer system also has about 330 million characters of memory in the disc storage.

“The HP-2000 allows us to provide a lot more service to our customers,” Feaver said.

The HP system handles the administrative duties of the bookstore and food service, as well as accounting, budgeting and payroll for Foundation employees. The hardware was purchased by the Foundation for $350,000, and is highly rated by Feaver.

“It plays games too,” he said in jest, “but we discourage it.”

The food service uses the system to do the inventory and would like to utilize the system to handle planning.

“Not for the two years of conversion, we really couldn’t try and do new things,” Feaver said. “But now that conversion is completed, we can ask what users of the system would like to have the computer do for them.”

According to Feaver, Foundation goals also includes the development of a network of computers which can communicate with each other.

Bayna also supports a trend toward a network of microcomputers which allow users to insert a disc and work independently from one large centralized computer.

With 1,600 students, 100 administrators and 6,000 instructors all trying to get access through 200 terminals, “it gets a little frustrating,” Bayna said.

Most of the hardware used in education is donated by industries or alumni, as the state does not budget enough to support a program like Cal Poly’s, he said.

“There is emphasis is on the technical programs,” Bayna said, adding that Cal Poly is budgeted according to the number of people enrolled in the university, not the individual school. At Poly, a substantial number of people is enrolled in technical education.

But in spite of the budget problems, the university has managed to convert to the Cyber.

“It allows us to do more work in the same amount of time,” Bayna said, noting that the hardware is changing the way of doing business.

Aid program for study of law ready

Thomas Jefferson College of Law recently announced a new scholarship program for college seniors and other persons interested in the study of law. The school is registered with the Committee of Bar Examiners and offers a four year independent study course leading to the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree.

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The college-by-mail provides preparation for all bar examinations, tuition and payment plans without finance charges and renewable moral obligation scholarships. For further information and application materials contact the Office of the Dean at (213) 855-0962.

Poly grad bequeaths money to dept

A man who said he always felt good about the education he received at Cal Poly has bequeathed $4,000 to the university’s Poultry Department.

James Landreth, director of business affairs for the university, has announced. Landreth, a 1952 graduate of the Poultry Department, died in 1982, left his will to his alma mater and the University of California at Davis, where he worked 22 years as a research poultry specialist.

In a letter to Landreth, Ralph’s brother, Harry, said the two had had a conversation and “in discussing his will during the last few days of his life he told me that he always felt good about the education he received at Cal Poly and wanted the (Poultry) department to be remembered to the extent of $4,000.”

The Cal Poly department, the only degree-granting program of its kind in The California State University, offers a diverse academic program to prepare students for careers in the poultry industry and allied services.

The university has facilities for more than 5,500 adults and over 6,000 growing chickens on approximately 10 acres of land. The Poultry Unit maintains flocks of a number of breeds and varieties of chickens for both meat and egg production. Flocks of turkeys and game birds are also maintained in support of the instructional program.

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Group tries to ease pain of drunk-driving deaths

Poly student struggles with her sister's death

by Mary Hennessy

Kathy Shell, a 18-year-old college freshman, had her life cut short Nov. 20 when a man drove his car into a tree near the intersection of E St. and N Taylor St.

"It's the biggest tragedy of my life," she said in a recent interview. "Most of the time you just can't believe it's true. I miss her so much, sometimes things are going well and then the littlest thing reminds me of it and it's overwhelming." 

A local chapter of M.A.D.D. — Mothers Against Drunk Driving — is forming in San Luis Obispo county to help deal with the trauma people like Debbie and her family experience and to reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by drunk drivers.

The organization consists of mothers and other people who are concerned with the increased amount of accidents with alcohol-impaired drivers.

"Our point is to make people aware that drinking and driving together constitutes a crime," said Camay Arad, president of the newly formed county chapter.

"The problem with M.A.D.D.'s name is that it suggests mothers. There are lots of other people involved. Men and young people included." 

M.A.D.D. was formed in 1980 by Candy Lightner, whose 13-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver while walking in a crosswalk. Since its establishment, M.A.D.D. has developed victim outreach programs, helped pass stiff penalties for drunk driving laws and aided community groups in establishing local county and state task forces to solve the problem of drunk driving.

Kathy had been visiting her sister Debbie, a Cal Poly freshman, for just an hour before the accident. Debbie was the first one at the hospital and told her parents the tragic news when they arrived five hours later from Los Angeles.

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Dr. Arad said that the county organization's two main functions are to provide support to victims and to attend felony drunk driving trials.

"A police officer estimated that every time a man is arrested drunk, he has probably been on the road 500 times," Arad said. "We sit in trials so the judge knows that there's an organization out there that is angry. You bet that judge will think twice before handing out a 30-day sentence."

Arad said that students are needed by the organization.

"We need people to donate just a couple of hours to sit in on trials and to write letters to the state legislature or to the newspaper. The work is really very interesting," she said.

In 1982 the San Luis Obispo Police Department arrested 360 drunk drivers. The California Highway Patrol estimates that 2,000 persons in the state die each year at the hands of a drinking driver. Twenty-five thousand people in the United States are killed each year in traffic accidents related to a drinking driver, according to another estimate.

Arad emphasized that a person does not necessarily have to be drunk in order to be arrested for being under the influence.

"It means impaired," she said. "It can mean two or three beers. People need to learn to take personal responsibility for themselves and their friends. Have something more to eat or dance another hour. From what I hear, the cab companies around town are very supportive if you're too drunk to drive."

Arad said the newly formed organization has already started pressing the Telegram Tribune to publish the names of people arrested on charges of driving drunk.

"They list petty theft, why don't they list drunk driving?" she questioned. "There are a lot of biggies out there who drink and drive. If you were president of a bank you might think twice about getting into that car after the party."

The best thing that could happen would be for a driver (the man charged with her sister's death) to be rehabilitated. But until then, keep him off the street so he can't do it to anyone else. A life sentence would never bring my sister back."

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**Microcomputer program**

Use of microcomputers in educational programs in San Luis Obispo County will be the focus of a day-long program that will be the Saturday, April 9, at Cal Poly.

Keynote speaker for the event, which will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and be Dr. James Stiff, an education professor at the University of Michigan, Ohio. His address is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

Also scheduled during the five-hour program are workshops by two members of Cal Poly's computer education facility, Dr. Bernard Troy and Dr. Don Moss.

Dr. Troy will describe plans of Cal Poly's Education Department for its curriculum in computer education, and Dr. Moss will explain the importance and work of the Tri-County Teacher Education/Computer Center (TRI-TEC). It provides in-service training and educational workshops in computing for school organizations.

Following lunch, a panel of San Luis Obispo resource educators will discuss the role of microcomputers in educational programs in San Luis Obispo County schools.

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Rugby hosts UCSB

The only thing that would keep the rugby team from hosting UCSB Saturday is the same thing that has kept them from playing much before—the rain.

The way the skies have looked this week, the rugby team may take the field.

Publicity chair Pat O'Haren said the match is already confirmed with the Gauchos. Game time is 1 p.m. in Mustang Stadium.

Poly is scheduled to play one game with its starters and a second using the rest of the field.

Although O'Haren could not say who the starting team was, he did say injuries might weaken Poly's chances. Starters Jerry Yahr and Joe Busch are out for at least this weekend.

Janet Yarbrough flies into the ever-growing crowd of Cal Poly National qualifiers with a 18-7/3 jump, good for second at UCLA earlier.

Despite the skies have looked this week, the rugby team is not saying who the starting team will be until much before—the rain. Poly has nine athletes who have winning marks.

Harper ran the 5,000 meters for the first time this year and was in the lead for all of it. Under a short of superb. Harper's time of 15:50.4 was a meet, personal and school record. It was also the fastest, outdoor 5,000 time in the world. That's right, the world, as in Europe. In Don who recently was a part of the U.S. team in the World Cross Country Championships in England.

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Publicity chair Pat O'Haren said the match is already confirmed with the Gauchos. Game time is 1 p.m. in Mustang Stadium.

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City marchers show opposition to Diablo

by Brian Bullock

Nearly 3,000 people of all ages and backgrounds marched peacefully through downtown San Luis Obispo Saturday to express their growing concern over licensing and use of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

The march was organized by the anti-nuclear group People Generating Energy after three county residents spoke in favor of the Diablo plant at the March 8 Congressional subcommittee hearing on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's licensing of Diablo. Another reason for the march and gathering was to reveal the Abalone Alliance's "People's Emergency Response Plan," said PGE representative John E. Reidenbach.

Former county supervisor Howard Mankins and San Luis Obispo residents Carolene Munger and Lynn Cooperford attended the Washington D.C. hearing held by the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment and testified that most county residents support the Diablo plant. The purpose of the march was to show the subcommittee and the NRC many interest groups are opposed to the licensing of the plant.

"Thumbs Down Against Diablo," was the title of a nation circuit march organized by the Abalone Alliance. Thousands of signatures opposed the Diablo plant. The petition, marked with thumb prints, signatures and personal statements, will be sent to the NRC before the hearing.

Some of the local interest groups represented at the gathering and the march were Cal Poly Concerned Faculty and Staff, Mothers for Peace, SLO Citizens for an Effective Emergency Plan and Seaside Survival Group, a Los Osos and Baywood Park based anti-nuclear group.

After the march, several guest speakers voiced their opinions about the Diablo Canyon plant. Among these speakers were Cal Poly architecture professor Paul Wolff, Pismo Beach council member Marion Mellow, San Luis Obispo residents Carolee Munger and Lynn Cooperford and the San Luis Obispo newspaper's editorial writer Bill Pay. Most of the speakers were critical of the Diablo plant. The speakers expressed their fear of an accident at the Diablo plant and emphasized the safety of the Diablo plant.

For more information, please contact the Abalone Alliance at 407 2nd Ave., San Luis Obispo, or 805-549-6323.

The Abalone Alliance called their most recent tactic against Diablo the "People's Emergency Response Plan." Rosenthal said the plan is to inform the public how they can continue to fight against nuclear power through "legal action and civil disobedience." The plan will be put into effect at the plant entrance within one month after the fuel loading date is set by the NRC, he added.

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There are over 30,000 anti-nuclear gatherings around the world, according to the Abalone Alliance. The Alliance is one of the largest anti-nuclear groups in the world. The group has been active in California since 1979.

The Alliance is a non-profit organization and is funded by donations. They have been successful in delaying the licensing process of the Diablo plant.

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Letters

Just friends

To the Women of Cal Poly:

When I was a freshman here at Cal Poly for almost five months, I have discovered that there are two seemingly innocent words which can deflate the male ego as easily as a pin can pop a balloon. These words have become a foundation for the rejection of all romantic intentions. Nothing stops Cupid's arrow faster than a girl saying "I like you, BUT can't we just be friends?" No one seriously expects a first date to lead to marriage but there is always the hope that something serious might develop. By wanting to be "just friends" you are in effect saying..."I don't find you attractive enough to take seriously." That's enough to wound anyone's pride.

What, then, are you basing your rejec­ tions on? Or for that matter, your expecta­tions? We might have a class or two together, but contact is usually limited. How else can we get invited if not on a date? I speak for a majority of rejected males when I ask, "If you like me enough to be 'friends,' why not try just one step further?" You never know, we may just hit it off.

So, it's up to you to put an end to this charade. You owe us, abuse us, and then refuse us with those immortal words, "Can't we just be friends?" Seriously, if I just wanted a friend, I'd buy a dog.

Signed,
Advice from a "friend"

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Bulemic's solution

I read with total sympathy the articles on bulimia in Monday's (March 7) Mustang Daily. The stories did a great job of describing the problem. I would like to share what I have found to be a solution.

I, too, binged and vomited for nearly ten years. I have been completely abstinent from that behavior, and from overeating in general, for over three years now. I am also maintaining a twenty pound weight loss. This was accomplished with the help of a simple program called Overeaters Anonymous.

OA is not a diet club. There are no dues or fees; it is completely free. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. The group is a fellowship of people who wish to solve their common problem—compulsive overeating. OA offers a set of suggestions to follow and tools to use to meet the task of daily living without excess food. These guidelines, when followed, invariably work.

The beginning of recovery came for me when I quit denying that I had a problem and reached out for help. Thanks to OA, my life has changed from being in constant isolation and bondage to food, to sanity and happiness. I have enjoyed these several years of freedom from the obsession with food and from the damaging physical and mental ef­ fects of binging/vomiting. Being uncloud­ ed by sugar and self-reproach, I've been able to use my mind, an ability which is so essential in my field of study. I have been able to hold several jobs which I could not have kept while practicing my compulsion.

I am writing this letter in hope that it may help someone who is out of control with food—a condition which ultimately leads to insanity or death—and who is ready to take the first step toward recovery. OA is a worldwide organiza­tion. Meeting information for all areas can be obtained by contacting

Overeaters Anonymous
2190 19th Street
Torrance, CA 90054
(213) 320-7941

or by checking an area's local phone directory. In San Luis Obispo there are three meetings each week. The number to call is 547-3000.

A recovering bulimarexic.
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