Graduates celebrate new challenges in life

By Linda Voigt
Staff Writer

Green and gold balloons, bubble machines and beach balls were all part of the Cal Poly commencement festivities that were experienced by more than 14,000 people who filled Mustang Stadium June 14.

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker conferred degrees and certificates of graduation upon more than 2,300 candidates for graduation.

Mike Mendes, former ASI president, spoke for the students and reflected on the memorable ingredients of the college experience.

Daniel T. Aldrich, chancellor emeritus at UC Irvine, delivered the commencement address.

"A few years ago I found a returned diploma from a UC Irvine student in my mailbox," Aldrich said. "The letter attached to it said the diploma didn't help him get a job in the industry he was trained in."

Aldrich said, "I mailed it back to him. I told him the experience was something he couldn't give back."

Aldrich and Baker both spoke of humanity as necessary to science. Aldrich emphasized the function of the university to expose students to the problems of the nation.

"I hope you're all ready to accept the challenges ahead of you," Aldrich said.

Graduation candidates stood proudly and cheered Jeffrey Joseph, an aeronautical engineering student honored for his 4.0 grade point average throughout his college career. Other can

Art graduate Heather Crew, one of more than 2,300 candidates for graduation, flashes her enthusiasm at commencement ceremonies June 14. For more graduation photos, see page 5.

CSU funds to help in replacing fire losses

By Pamela Varma
Staff Writer

The Chancellor's Office has approved the donation of surplus funds to help the School of Architecture and Environmental Design rebuild its department in the aftermath of the Poly Royal fire.

James K. Landreth, vice president of Business Affairs, said $138,000 will be given to help purchase replacement furniture and lab equipment that was destroyed in the Engineering West fire in April. These funds are from the year-end surplus of the entire California State University system.

Requisition forms for drafting desks, light tables and other related supplies were submitted Friday in the hopes that new labs can be set up for fall quarter.

Douglas Gerard, executive dean, said $1.1 million is needed to renovate the building. He said a letter was sent to the State Department of Finance June 20, requesting a special appropriation at the end of this fiscal year, and he is optimistic that he will receive a response by June 30. Financing for the reconstruction must come from the state because the school was self-insured at the time of the fire.

The fire, which took place April 26 during Poly Royal festivities, began on the first floor of Engineering West after a drill motor that was part of a display overheated. No disciplinary action was taken as department officials said a number of people shared responsibility.

While waiting for money for reconstruction to come, the architecture department is reviewing suggestions for remodeling the building to make it more functional for the department. Suggestions include dividing the labs with permanent walls. The

Study of the aging

Gerontology minor offered

By Suzanne Carson
Staff Writer

Beginning fall quarter the School of Professional Studies and Education will offer a gerontology minor leading to a certificate degree.

The gerontology minor deals with the study of the aging population and requires the completion of 24 units: 12 required units and 12 elective units.

"Gerontology is virtually a new field across the country," said the program's coordinator, Ann Morgan, a professor of psychology and human development. "The minor is open to all Cal Poly students."

Students don't have to leave town to have fun. They can find surfing, hiking, good food and a beautiful view right here on the Central Coast. See page 9.

WEATHER

Weekend weather will be fair with low clouds and fog in the mornings. highs in the 70s, lows in the mid 60s.
Moslems: painting a fair picture

Mohammad Ali, appearing at an Anesty concert last week, made an excellent point that is worth repeating for those who missed the concert or had taken this opportunity to get a beer.

A man rolls a bank. If a newspaper prints that the bank robbers were Moslem, the newspaper would immediately be called anti-Semitic.

A woman murders her child. If she is called a Catholic child murder, the media would be accused of associating Catholicism with infanticide.

When the news media describes a person, we do it so our readers can develop a mental picture of that person. We use the adjectives "short," "tall," "old" or "young" to paint a physical portrait. Caucasian, black, Latino and Asian are used in the same manner. If a newsmaker is from a different ethnic background, then the society will be included so the person can be associated with any customs or beliefs of people from that ethnic background.

Therefore, if a man kills a man, and the killer is white and the victim is black, they're both from South Africa, then this information would be included for the situation to be fully understood.

Still, caution must be used when describing people and circumstances. It is too easy for groups to unify unfairly, sticking untrue and derogatory labels on them.

With the circumstances of today's world, a large amount of news comes from the Middle East and the religion in this area, and has been used as a catchall way of describing anyone from an Arab country. This has resulted in linking the newsmaker with some rather unsavory people such as "Moslem terrorists" and "Moslem hating Americans." This is wrong. The Moslem religion is one of peace — it shouldn't be identified with those who prey on the innocent. Although there are some sects of Islam that may condone terrorist acts, we shouldn't be so quick as to spread the blame on the entire religion. It is very important that as responsible citizens of the world community we become informed of the difference between Islamic sects and realize that beliefs held by the Shia sect are not necessarily the same as those held by the Sunni sect.

The uninformd could easily assume there is a connection with being of the Islamic faith and probably be in better shape than the stuff you'll buy at the store.

Is it easier to get classes during summer quarter?

John LaCroix, computer science senior:

Absolutely. I was first priority and I got every class I asked for. I signed up for 17 units and I only wanted to take 12. I got all 17.

Jaime Andrade, business senior:

No. I think it's just as hard because they don't offer that many classes. In fact, they offer less than the normal school year.

Sharon Hogan, agricultural business senior:

I'm only taking seven units and I got them all on CAR. English classes — no one can get English classes. It's impossible.

Tom Durst, business senior:

No. There's more demand for the classes and they offer fewer sections.

Fruit shopping can sure drive you bananas

Buying fruit at the grocery store is a lot like having a date with someone. If you look for awhile, you realize they're all the same: all the peaches are the perfect apple so you start looking for the one with the fullest flaws.

I can understand. Peaches and pears getting a little battered by the time you buy them, but oranges? How can they get bruised? They have those thick skins and they're full of vitamin C, and everyone knows vitamin C helps prevent bruises.

Every time I go to the store the grapefruit feels like someone took it to softball practice and the cantaloupe looks like someone used it at the bowling alley. I don't know exactly what grocery store is doing to their fruit, but it sure isn't the same stuff the Green Grocer is showing us on TV every night. He probably has to use plastic fruit.

The guys who work in the produce sections are a little too casual about their jobs. I'm not sure how you feel about it but I don't want some grocery clerk using my plums to learn how to juggle. If the produce clerk had to be using live hand grenades instead.

Working in a grocery store can give a whole new meaning to the word "green." "Where'd Jim go?"
Add/drop form errors can result in 'U' grades

By Pete Brady

The Cal Poly registrar said he wants to help students avoid registration and add/drop paperwork problems which can ruin even the best student's grade point average.

"What happens is that students listen to their friends instead of university policy regarding things like adding and dropping classes. They usually end up with "U" (unsatisfactory) grades on their report cards, which is the same as failing the course. So we're making some changes and also trying to educate students to the system and change their behavior," said Cal Poly Registrar Gerald Punched.

Punched said the most important change will be made in sixth-week study lists, which students can pick up at their major department's office during the sixth week of the quarter.

The revised study list will contain more information than ever before, including schedule code numbers and instructors' names for each course. Punched emphasized that students should check this list, making sure university records accurately reflect what courses they are enrolled in.

"We've had nightmares in the past, with the study lists showing only course and section number. Students weren't sure what section they were in, but the new lists will include teacher names. If a student misses the first class, he'd be able to see the error and come to us for correction. And by including the schedule code number, we can help eliminate mistakes made by students requesting they be dropped or added and using the wrong schedule code to do it," Punched said.

Registration errors include everything from computer foul-ups to students making mistakes when listing classes on registration or add/drop forms. The Records Office must hire a dozen temporary employees each quarter to redo add/drop forms which are so poorly filled out that the registration computer can't read them.

But the ultimate result of many errors is the misunderstood "U" grade. It is given by instructors who believe students failed to satisfactorily complete a course, or failed to follow university policy for dropping a course.

This grade is in some ways worse than an "F," because it damages grade point averages the same as failing a class but usually could have been avoided by simply following university registration policy, said Punched. He said the severity of the "U" grade makes it necessary for students to carefully prepare and review all university paperwork.

But being careful can't prevent errors caused by abuse of the registration system.

"What sometimes happens is that students go to instructors and plead that they really want to get added to a course; so the instructor gives that valuable space to the student, and then the student never comes back. The student was really just showing sound. This costs the instructor time, and he assigns a 'U,'" said Corkie Lee, the registrar's assistant.

Lee spends "about a third" of her time handling such problems, and estimates that similar paperwork snafus will affect most Cal Poly students at least once. So she finally devised a procedure to help the registrar determine whether to remove the "U" from student records.

"We made this procedure because we'd put ads in the Mustang (DAILY), all over campus and in the class schedule, and people still don't do it right. If students sign up for classes they never drop, or fill out paperwork wrong, they can only expect a penalty for it at the end of the quarter. Students keep telling us they thought the instructor would drop them automatically if they missed the first class. That's not true, the way to add or drop classes is clearly stated in the schedule, but who reads it?" Lee commented.

Students who want the unsatisfactory grade removed from their records are asked to write letters explaining why the problems occurred and what could be done to eliminate them. The registrar reviews these letters, students, and can of worms," Lee said.

But even this procedure has its problems.

"There's controversy over this policy, with some instructors thinking it's too harsh, some too easy. They say once they've assigned a 'U' it should be left on the records. So we're not sure how long it will continue. It's really a can of worms," Lee said.

Lee is accumulating a file of student letters containing suggestions, explanations and protests. In these letters, students say they didn't read instructions in the schedule "because I was too busy," or "I didn't know they were there."

But although some students admit to having read and understood registration policy, they often offer clever reasons why the instructions weren't followed. A sample from the registrar:

□ "I wanted to get my add/drop forms signed, but I got sick and almost died."

□ "I had a big argument with my dad, and ended up freaking out."

□ "I had a broken leg and couldn't track down the teachers to get their signatures."

□ While some students make excuses, others vehemently blame themselves or the Ad-

ministration for their class problems:

□ "I am miserably and sadly at fault in this horrible ordeal."

□ "I've been at Poly a long time, but my familiarity clouded my common sense. My reasoning was totally lacking. I was cocky in my assurance that registration problems happened only to other students. I promise with a most religious-like discipline to correctly follow the registration instructions. Please remove the 'U' from my records!"

□ "I feel that writing this paper is not a good idea. If we required the administration to write a paper for every mistake they made they'd never get anything done. Why don't you stop treating us like little kids?"

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Summer Mustang Thursday, June 26, 1986
Students again faced with class cancellations

By Stephen R. Jursa
staff writer

To the frustration of many students, the social science, history and English departments, among others, canceled and rescheduled many summer quarter classes.

The social science department canceled all four anthropology classes listed in the summer schedule. James W. Coleman, chairman of the social science department, explained that the cancellations were because of the late allocation of funds.

"We estimated the number of positions we would have open, but after the funding came through we were forced to eliminate four positions," Coleman said.

The class cancellations were based on an internal priority system. Students who signed up for an anthropology class to fulfill a general education requirement can take SOC 105 or GEOG 150 instead, Coleman said.

The history department canceled one section of HIST 315 and rescheduled three other sections.

"We asked for and received funding to add four additional sections of HIST 315 despite the fact we still had no one to teach the new sections," said Max Riedlsperger, chairman of the history department.

When Richard Hitchman of Cuesta College was hired to teach the new sections the department had to cancel one section and reschedule the other three to fit Hitchman's schedule, Riedlsperger said.

Although the changes caused inconveniences for many students, Riedlsperger said the additional sections will allow more than 130 additional students to take HIST 315. They would not be able to take the course if the department had not taken a chance and scheduled sections without anyone to teach them, he said.

The English department has canceled classes in past quarters, and this one was no exception. Mona Rosenman, chairman of the English department, said she cannot justify keeping a class open with only eight students enrolled, when at the same time more than 100 students need another course.

The English department added many new classes to try to accommodate the demand for certain courses. Those students who did not have their classes canceled were told of new sections of equivalent courses and given priority in adding those classes.

The School of Communicative Arts and Humanities wasn't the only academic school to cancel classes. Civil engineering major Teri Rie had three of her six classes canceled. The classes closed to her after computer registration were in the areas of physics, civil engineering and physical education.

"I was upset that they changed the time on my physics lab," said Rie. It was supposed to be Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, but they changed it to 8 a.m., and my math class was at 8 a.m."

The problem of canceled and rescheduled classes stems from a problem in the allocation of funds to the various schools and departments within the university.

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NOTABLES

Kudos to the following Cal Poly achievement recipients:

FRATERNITIES — Representatives of Cal Poly fraternities which participate in the campus escort service were presented with outstanding service awards on June 4 by members of Cal Poly Public Safety. The fraternities were given plaques in recognition for their time and commitment to providing a safe environment on campus.

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE — A member of the Cal Poly ornamental horticulture department faculty is the new president of the national honor society for floriculture and other ornamental horticultural areas. Virginia R. Walter was elected and installed during the annual convention of PI Alpha Xi at North Carolina State University. Walter is the first Californian and the first woman to head the society, which has 30 chapters throughout the nation.

AGRICULTURE — The head of the animal science department is among 10 members of a new beef industry task force that is studying ways to assure consumers that the beef they are buying is both safe and of high quality.

John W. Algeo is among the members of the National Cattlemen's Association Beef Safety Assurance Task Force which met in early June in Denver. Algeo said the task force, formed in April, will work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration in an effort to educate members of the National Cattlemen's Association and to make sure that safety data held by those agencies is released to consumers on a timely basis. Algeo is a specialist in beef nutrition and breeding.

The following students received awards at the 1986 CFPA Spring Roundup held May 28. Stan Kelllogg received an award for Outstanding Chairperson. Star Collegiate Chapter Farmer was given to Todd Coons and Star Collegiate Greenhand was Richard Godding. Gerry Hernandez was given the Outstanding Senior Award and Greg Beard was named Outstanding Graduate Student.

The American Society of Animal Science has honored 14 outstanding animal science and industry majors. The ASAS scholarship award is given in recognition of scholastic achievement. Recipients were: Alison Beharka, Lawrence Galuppo, Sandra Hutchens, Linda LaFerla, Tara Miller, Michael Smith, Ramona Thurman, Merrie Turke, Susan Lowell, Thomas Montague, Marla Saltzman, Melissa McCann, Chris Nelson and Christopher Varvel.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS — A new sports information director has been named for Cal Poly. Lisa Boyer, formerly the women's sports information director at Idaho State University, will take her new position at Cal Poly on July 7. Boyer, 24, graduated from Cabrillo High School in Lompoc and is currently working on her master's degree in athletic administration at Idaho State.

ACCOUNTING — Two accounting service employees at Cal Poly have received commendations for their involvement in a recently completed review of financial accounting systems used by campuses of the California State University system.

Robert J. Dignan and Linda Hermann were members of the CSU statewide financial accounting system review committee which produced specifications for system changes that have materially benefited both Cal Poly and the CSU system.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION — The department head of graphic communication received an Award of Excellence from the Education Council of the Graphic Arts Industry, an affiliate of the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation.

Harvey Levenson was nominated by the Technical Association of the Graphic Arts. The award honors people for their efforts to promote graphic arts education and training.

JOURNALISM — The journalism department head will work during the 1986-1987 school year for the New China News Agency in Beijing editing news copy and helping Chinese writers.

Randall Murray departs in July for a one-year assignment with China Features, a part of the New China News Agency.

The deadline for contributions to NOTABLES is next Monday for Thursday publication.

Teachers honored at graduation

By Lynnette Ward
Staff Writer

Commencement ceremonies on June 14 marked not only honors for graduating students but honors for three Cal Poly faculty members who were the recipients of the Distinguished Teacher Award.

Professors Edward H. Baker, Sue McBride and Philip K. Ruggles were recognized as distinguished teachers and each received a certificate and a $1,000 stipend from funds provided by Cal Poly alumni.

"I was honored with the distinction, particularly knowing it came from the students," said Baker, a faculty member of the mechanical engineering department since 1968. Baker focuses much attention on a lab development program to get equipment for the university and during one dollar year he was not teaching, he is a consultant on industrial research projects.

Baker received both his bachelor's degree and doctorate from Northwestern University and received his master's degree from UC Berkeley. McBride, a member of the education department faculty, came to Cal Poly in 1979 after earning three degrees from the University of Akron and teaching at the university and public schools in Akron. Ruggles received degrees from West Virginia Institute of Technology and South Dakota State University. In addition to teaching at other universities, he held several management positions in the printing and publishing industry before joining the Cal Poly graphic communication department.

The Distinguished Teacher Award is selected by a committee of the Academic Senate. The committee made its decision after five faculty members and two students, based their selections on nominations by students and faculty, followed by classroom visits and additional information on research and development.

Baker, McBride and Ruggles join 68 others who have been honored since the Distinguished Teacher Award began in 1963.

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Scenes of Central Coast displayed in university Galerie

By Mary Eddy

The paintings and drawings of a San Luis Obispo resident, many depicting familiar scenes of the Central Coast, are on display in the University Union Galerie through July 23.

The artist, Daniel D. Martin, was born in San Luis Obispo and grew up in Pismo Beach. He began drawing at an early age and later graduated from Santa Barbara Art Institute. His love for the countryside and people of the Central Coast is expressed in his artwork. "The general countryside and geography of the area is tremendous for an artist," said Martin.

The Galerie sought Martin’s work because of its personalized depiction of the area and because of the high quality of his work, said Jeanne La Barbera, Galerie director. "Dan is very talented and his work is indicative of his love for the Central Coast. Educationally, his work is very good. He is a great draftsman and because the applied art and graphics department is so important here, students can learn a lot from his drawings," said La Barbera.

She said Martin's exhibit has been very well received by the community and especially by students. "We strive in the Galerie to get a variety of programs so that students in different majors will enjoy them and participate in our programs. This exhibit appeals to a wide range of students, especially agriculture students because of the exact drawings of farm implements."

Although he describes himself as "basically a painter," Martin works with a variety of media including pencils, acrylic paint, water paint and oil paint.

According to La Barbera, his pencil drawings are highly sought after and are in many national and international private collections. Martin has also taught art classes such as water color, painting and drawing at Cal Poly.

The exhibit displays many different samples of Martin’s art, ranging from acrylic abstract paintings to precise pencil drawings of farm equipment. Abstractions, such as the series featured in the exhibit, he said, are important to an artist because they deal with shape relationship and color relationship. "Abstractions help with realism and vice versa," said Martin.

Martin’s artwork is also displayed in many galleries, stores, and businesses in California, including his parents’ gallery, The Art Mill Gallery in Pismo Beach. Many shops in San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay, and Cambria carry small reproductions of his pencil drawings, and his artwork can also be seen in the collections of many banks, hotels and restaurants on the Central Coast.

A limited edition poster signed and numbered by Martin will be available in the Galerie after June 27. The poster depicts the "Mail Pouch Barn," a local landmark located off Highway 1 close to Cal Poly. According to La Barbera, the original drawing is in a private collection and the poster is a collectors' item. "The poster is a record of this landmark and it provides a good opportunity for students, residents and visitors to have a momento of this area," said La Barbera.

All proceeds from the posters are returned to the Galerie’s non-profit program.

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Chancellor rejects proposals

Greek Row far from a reality

By Floyd Jones

The effort to get a Greek Row on campus has been an on-and-off struggle against a lot of red tape and politics during the past six years. Though every year students vary in their dedication to the project, some have not given up the attempt at a group housing project.

The biggest hurdle is creating a proposal outlining the specifics of the project to which President Baker, the Cal State University Chancellor and the Board of Trustees would agree. So far that’s proved more difficult than getting a bill through Congress.

Two proposals have been sent to the Chancellor’s Office. The first was sent back with a flood of restrictions that made the project unattractive. The second was sent with the approach that groups would buy university land and run a group housing system separate from the university. The chancellor’s counsel said the process would be legal, but it might conflict with the trustees’ policy on the sale of university land. There would still be university involvement once the group housing system was established. When university land is sold the trustees want the university to be detached from whose hands it buys it.

A big problem is a matter of precedent, said Walt Lambert, coordinator of Greek affairs at Cal Poly. He said because Cal Poly is a trend-setting campus almost every other university in the system would want to follow suit. A quick “yes” to Cal Poly would put pressure on the chancellor and the Board of Trustees to quickly accept the proposal of others, Lambert said.

Acceptance of a Cal Poly group housing proposal would make the university more attractive and put other California universities at a disadvantage in terms of enrollment. Lambert said this is the primary snag of the proposal.

Lambert believes that group housing such as a Greek Row would be beneficial to Cal Poly, and he thinks the Administration agrees.

“I really feel that the Administration believes in it and sees some value in it,” but it’s not high on their priority list, he said. Lambert said a group housing system would alleviate noise complaints by neighbors of groups such as fraternities, the groups would manage themselves better than a landlord would and disputes concerning zoning laws and special housing permits would be eliminated.

But where does the momentum for group housing go? Lambert said from the groups themselves who want a housing system. The reason the fight for a group row hasn’t been tenacious, he explained, is because of the turnover of students. A group might be fired-up about the idea for a while, but newcomers might be apathetic. He said there’s a continuous rise and fall of interest.

There is a hint of progress, though. This year 10 groups, some Greek, some non-Greek, have each donated $200 in support of the project.

As a more constant and stable source of support, Lambert said there is an idea to get professional or alumni groups involved, establishing a board of directors for the housing system. These professional people would carry more clout than students and they would stay on top of the issue even when groups fall away from it.

“I don’t see any more advancement than what we’ve seen in the past two or three years,” Lambert said. “I don’t see another proposal to Baker done until winter of 1987, even if they (groups) go at it hard from the fall.”

— Walt Lambert

Poly hires full-time energy coordinator

By Vincent Aviani

Cal Poly is now in the energy conservation business on a full-time basis.

Norman F. Jacobson was recently hired by Cal Poly as a full-time energy management coordinator. According to Jacobson, his duties, which began the first week of June, will include evaluating Cal Poly’s energy consumption. Then, based on that information, he will develop an energy conservation policy for the university.

“I am really very enthusiastic to be working with the State of California and specifically Cal Poly. This university is a very large entity with a lot of energy consumers,” he said. “There is a very, very, significant amount of money that can be saved here through energy conservation. However, Cal Poly has really made great strides in its energy conservation efforts up to this point.”

According to Jacobson, these innovative energy conservation systems include a cogeneration system which supplies some of the demands with electricity. Also on the list of energy conservation techniques Cal Poly has developed is a computerized energy management control system. This system tracks campus buildings up to a computer, which is programmed to automatically control the heating, ventilation and lighting of these buildings.

However, even with these energy-efficient systems, Jacobson will have a lot to do as energy coordinator.

“Although it is a job that will require a lot of work, I think it is a very, very, significant amount of money that can be saved here through energy conservation.”

— Walt Lambert

According to Jacobson, this means actually walking through the building, seeing what kind of use it gets, and determining how much it’s been used.

“The second thing I will do is to characterize the facility. This usually means determining whether the building uses gas, electric, hot water (steam heat). Then I identify any areas of improvement,” said Jacobson.

As energy coordinator, Jacobson’s first step in any building systems analysis is to compile meaningful data base.

“This data base is an extremely important part of my job because it is something that will be studied not just by Cal Poly, but the entire Cal State system. The more people are informed, the better results we will have.”

What will make his job even more challenging is that this is the first full-time position of its kind offered at Cal Poly.

Before taking the position of energy coordinator at Cal Poly, Jacobson left his position as president and general manager of Delanetics Associates Inc. in Anaheim. Jacobson had more than 26 years of experience as an energy management professional before forming Delanetics, a firm specializing in the engineering, installation, sales and service of energy management systems. Jacobson said the positions he has previously held include working in the administration of commercial, industrial and government energy programs.

Jacobson is a graduate of Oregon Institute of Technology and of Oregon State University, where he earned a teaching certificate and master’s degree in industrial education. Jacobson is a member of professional organizations such as the Association of Energy Engineers and the Energy Management Control Society.

“Ideally, my goal is to optimize the energy conservation and reduce the energy consumption for Cal Poly and the entire Cal State system,” said Jacobson.
Central Coast offers scenery, summer recreation

By Pete Brady

One of the most important questions Cal Poly summer students have to answer is "Why go home for the weekend when there's so much to do right here on the Central Coast?"

San Luis Obispo is comfortably near of some of California's most beautiful and unspoiled terrain, from the rugged cliffs of Big Sur to the Nipomo sand dunes. Students are also within minutes of several beaches and state parks.

Avila Beach is, of course, a perennially popular summer destination, with streets making up 60 percent of the 6,000 people who crowd the beach on a hot weekend afternoon.

"The water's pretty cold for most individuals, but this is one of the safest beaches, one of the easiest for surfers to catch waves and one of the most fun," said Avila's chief lifeguard, Kelly Griffin.

Griffin said Avila is better than Huntington Beach, where she used to work.

"It's a lot calmer, more laid-back. One reason is that they've banned beer drinking here because beer used to cause fights, and people went into the water drunk. When beer was legal there was a permanent sheriff's substation here," Griffin said.

Beachgoers caught with beer face a $50 fine, she said.

But beer notwithstanding, there are plenty of refreshments available at Avila. The highly-regarded Custom House restaurant, for example, features a heated patio (for those unexpected foggy late afternoons) with a barbecue pit and an aviary containing exotic birds.

"The summer we're opening up a street-side barbecue so folks can walk over here from the beach and get some ribs and some liquid refreshment without having to go into the restaurant," said Custom House manager Rick Waibel.

Beach lovers can follow the coast south from Avila to the infamous (but crowded!) Pirate's Cove nudist beach, or the isolated splendor of cliffs off Shell Beach. Students who like volleyball, surfing, and wide finely-sanded beaches go further south to Pismo Beach, sometimes known as the clam and the Fourth of July capital of the world.

"Every year we put on a tremendous fireworks display costing thousands of dollars, and later in the year we have our famous clam festival. We've got a newly remodeled pier which will soon have commercial shops and restaurants, and we've got volleyball, surfing, and windsurf championships which attract people from all over the state," said Dave Sebesta, manager of the Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

For those who want more strenuous adventure, Montana De Oro State Park beckons with 10,000 acres of hiking, equestrian trails, camping, sand dunes and beaches.

The park's unspoiled beauty also requires caution.

"There's not much swimming here because of the high waves and the undertow. And I wouldn't think it would be prudent for a female to spend time in the isolated areas," said park police Don Price.

With all sorts of local action, it's a mystery why students hurry to leave town after their last class of the week.

But for those who just feel the urge to drive, the Big Sur coastline offers plenty of sinuous hairpin turns, sheer cliffs, dazzling ocean views.

Geographically, Big Sur is the part of California's coast beginning approximately 75 miles north of San Luis Obispo and continuing through Point Lobos near Carmel. Its special aura is reputed to rival that of Yosemite's; the miles of undeveloped coastline are free of billboards, telephone wires and fast-food joints. Big Sur also contains miles of hiking trails, waterfalls and campgrounds.

Two establishments which symbolize Big Sur are the Esalen Institute and Nepenthe's. Both places are open to the public and at Esalen, located approximately 45 miles south of Carmel on Highway 1, even the most tense-stained students can forget all worries.

"We're a place that has seminars in wholeness and emotional health. Most of these seminars are by reservation only, but every night from 1 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. the public can enjoy our beautiful hot springs baths which are located right on the cliffs overlooking the Pacific," said Esalen spokeswoman Beverly Jones.

Esalen also offers "wilderness weekends" which "get people into the natural, rugged, unspoiled ambience of Big Sur," Jones said.

And if folks work up a powerful appetite enjoying such scenery, they can satisfy it in style at Nepenthe's, which is located right on Highway 1, 30 miles south of Carmel.

The name "Nepenthe" is derived from ancient Greek culture and roughly translates into "drug of peace."

Indeed, the view from Nepenthe's terrace on a cool summer evening brings a soothing vision of Big Sur's exotic cliffs and jade waters. A large metal-sculpted Phoenix Bird and a huge open fireplace provide a counterpoint to the shifting fog and brilliant sunsets over Big Sur's coastline.

"Nepenthe's hasn't been special ever since Orson Welles built the original cabin here for Rita Hayworth. Frank Lloyd Wright designed the other section in 1947, and we've had lots of famous visitors ever since like Clint Eastwood, Ansel Adams, John Denver and writer Henry Miller," said employee Ann Haven, adding that Nepenthe's has a gift shop filled with "unique new-age gifts, books, art, scents and handcrafted items."

So, for those students who go home every weekend because "there's nothing to do around here," it's time to enjoy one of California's prime tourist destinations: San Luis Obispo and the Central Coast.
New inventory system more accurate

By Kristin Roncarati

A computer inventory system initiated for El Corral Bookstore in January has had success in limiting the discrepancy between the physical inventory and the inventory shown in accounting ledgers.

While the discrepancy for the 1984-1985 fiscal year was $65,000, it was only $2,471 for the period between January and May of this year.

The computer inventory system began after the bookstore auditing staff found the 1984-85 discrepancy and recommended that the Foundation initiate a computer-based system to decrease the discrepancy and simplify the task of controlling the computer inventory files for the bookstore.

Under the new inventory system, physical counts of the computer merchandise are taken at the end of each month and compared to the computerized inventory file for possible discrepancies.

The new control program was initially used only in the supply department of the bookstore; however, this system was inadequate. In fall quarter the Food Services inventory system software was modified to include a continuous inventory file for the computer products in the bookstore.

Jim Neal, Foundation controller, said he believed the $65,000 discrepancy was due to several different factors, including the increase in the amount of computer merchandise handled by the bookstore and a lack of understanding of the merchandise by bookstore staff.

Neal said the $17,800 of computer equipment handled by the bookstore during the 1983-84 year increased to $1.6 million during the 1984-85 year.

Neal also said that a number of the units may have been stolen, which would account for the physical difference between the number of units accounted for in the general ledger and the number of units in the store. "A tremendous variety of units could have been stolen," Neal said. It is also possible that instructors could have been delivered computer systems and never charged for them, he said.

Neal said a complete physical inventory of computer products was taken on Sept. 30 and at the end of each month following that date. Bookstore inventory was taken Dec. 31 to establish the perpetual inventory system on the HP 3000 computer, which houses the Food Services inventory system. A $6,906 discrepancy found at this time is believed by Neal to be the result of the problems during the 1984-85 year.

Each product counted in the Dec. 31 inventory was given a six-digit code, which is used on all product containers and all purchase and sales documents. Copies of these documents are then recorded in the general ledger and are used to transfer to the additional control system on the HP 3000.

The general ledger accounts are then compared to the individual department accounts at the end of each month. Physical counts of all computer products are now made at the end of each month by both the bookstore and the Foundation. The amount of each product transferred into the subsidiary system and then an inventory discrepancy report is prepared.

The reports list the individual positive or negative discrepancy and the accumulative discrepancy at the end of each month.

Prior to the development of the new control system, physical counts were made only on an annual basis. Neal said he believes that monthly counts will greatly decrease the number of discrepancies by keeping a constant check on any unexplained differences.

The number of discrepancies has decreased with the new system

While the number of discrepancies has been decreasing, Neal said any differences are bad and investigations will continue for finding the causes.

Neal said the new system has worked very well. "We are very pleased with where we are now," he said.

The difficulties experienced before the new system was developed and early into the new system, said Neal, were due to "sheer confusion" concerning the vast amount of computer merchandise handled by the bookstore.

Neal said the bookstore deals with close to 300 different kinds of computer products.

During the summer, the auditing staff of Ernst & Whinney will compare the two systems and prepare a final report for the Foundation Board of Directors. Neal said any discrepancies found between now and then will be known by the end of July.

Investigation of the discrepancies is viewed by the bookstore staff and the Foundation to be a profitable learning experience, although it is time consuming.

Neal said one of the important factors in reducing the number of discrepancies is that with the new system, each of the involved parties receives a computer printout. This, according to Neal, "shows you exactly what you have."

He said the monthly counts of merchandise are "a real key to avoiding year-end surprises." The monthly printout shows the amount of merchandise on hand and what should actually be there.

Protest at ceremony a ‘success’

By Mary Eddy

Several hundred of Cal Poly students, staff and faculty members opposed to the Cal Poly Foundation plan to divest funds from companies operating in South Africa was pleased with the reaction to its protest at spring commencement.

The opposition group hoped to draw attention to the divestment issue by passing out fliers which called for Foundation divestment and by displaying an airplane banner which read "CPF FOUNDATION DIVEST."

"The reactions we received to the fliers and the banner ran the gamut," said Richard Kranzdorf, a political science professor. "A lot of students seemed interested and supported us. Some said this is inappropriate to do during graduation. And there were other reactions everywhere in between those two. But overall we were pleased with the reception we got."

He added that the group had received only positive reactions from other faculty members.

Kranzdorf said members of the group believed some people would disagree with their protest during graduation, so they were careful that the fliers and banner didn't disrupt the ceremony.

"We walked the thin line between getting the news out without annoying or angering other people."

"The two real frustrating things that we encountered were that we only ran off 2,000 copies of the flyers when we should have had at least 5,000. And the airplane was supposed to fly overhead between 10:20 and 10:45 and it showed up at 10:10 when people were still filing into the stadium," said Kranzdorf.

According to Kranzdorf, additional actions are being planned to encourage Foundation divestment.

Computers stolen from two offices

Two computers were reported stolen Friday morning from offices in Engineering West and again campus police suspect the burglar had a key.

Police aren't sure exactly when the crime occurred, but it was discovered about 8:30 a.m. Friday when an instructor went to unlock his office door and realized it was open, said Public Safety Investigator Wayne Carmack.

Two Macintosh 512 computers and printers were stolen from rooms 141 and 142 of Engineering West with no sign of forced entry. Carmack estimated the loss to be approximately $5,000.

Campus police are encouraged a little because the thief left some physical evidence: fingerprints, photos and a copy of the Friday theft, "Now all we have to do is find a suspect."

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By Linda Voigt

Many students who participated in commencement exercises on June 14 are finding it difficult to drag their bodies back into classrooms this summer.

A memorandum by Donald Coates, associate dean of educational services at Cal Poly, states, "In 1984, of the 2,462 spring commencement participants, only 39 percent had completed degree requirements by August 1, 1984."

"There is no way to tell this early what the figure for this year is," Coates said.

A certain apathy exists in the attitudes of many seniors who participated in spring commencement, but because of unfulfilled requirements they have to take summer courses.

"It was great going through ceremonies, but coming back to school this summer is awful," said Evette Presneau, a speech communications major.

"I have 10 units including senior project and I just don't have any enthusiasm left," Most graduating seniors aren't having the usual difficulties getting classes as they often do during the rest of the year, but some complain that courses just aren't being offered to fulfill their needs.

"I'll be leaving here with two units left that I will have to take at a junior college at night," said Todd Stove, an industrial engineering major. "Cal Poly doesn't offer what I need this quarter.

"I went through ceremonies because it was the only chance I would have to put on a cap and gown," Stuve said.

"My family was very excited about ceremonies, although it seemed very anticlimactic to me," said Evette Presneau, a speech communications major.

"I start a job with Bullock's in the fall, but I have to get these 10 units out of the way first," Coates said. "In the meantime 'm learning to change my oil."


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walls that burned in the fire were their losses and inadequate temporary lab and lecture quarter. Although E. Coli Corral Bookstore replaced class materials and some personal articles at no cost to students, some models and drawings are irreplaceable.

According to Richard K. Zweifel, associate dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design, one model constructed by a professor and his class during the course of hundreds of hours was among the things completely destroyed.

In addition to losing their projects, some students are now faced with completing their lab classes in rooms not designed for this purpose. Zweifel said several grading galleries, where students display their work for instructors to evaluate, were destroyed, as were many faculty offices.

New classrooms are being used in several locations, including temporary trailers. Faculty offices have been moved to the old art department in the Air Conditioning Engineering Building, where quarters are very close.

Zweifel said that as far as he knows, no grades of Incomplete were given in classes and no graduations were delayed as a result of the damages caused by the fire. Instructors modified their curricula and worked around sections of their courses that became impossible to cover.

Henry Fairbairn, a graduating senior in architectural engineering, said he and three partners lost a four-foot model in the fire. He said construction and analysis of the model comprised about 25 percent of the course, but his professor did not penalize students for their lost work.

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Poly teacher pleads innocent to charges

By Pamela Varma

A Cal Poly management professor has entered a plea of innocent on charges of child molestation.

M. Bill Aussieker, charged with eight counts of Lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14, was arraigned June 9 at San Luis Obispo Municipal Court. The arraignment was originally scheduled for June 2 but was postponed so Aussieker could secure an attorney.

Aussieker was arrested without incident at his campus office on May 1, following a three-week investigation by the county sheriff's office. He has remained free on $7,500 bail since that date.

Court records indicate that the alleged victim is the 10-year-old daughter of Aussieker's ex-wife, Pam. In a transcript of a taped phone call, the daughter alleged that Aussieker phoned her. He repeatedly denied doing anything, then said, "Maybe to get back at your mother."

Mrs. Aussieker has alleged that he has a drinking problem and has contributed to his behavior.

The preliminary hearing will begin at 9 a.m. today at the San Luis Obispo County Courthouse.

A motion has been filed by the child's therapist at the Sexual Assault Victim's Treatment Unit to exclude the public from the hearing to protect the child from any additional trauma, saying the child perceives her father as harassing her and was upset by the articles printed in the Telegram-Tribune.

Two students to face trial on molestation charges

By Pamela Varma

Two Cal Poly graduate students must stand trial on 10 charges of child molestation, a municipal court judge has ruled.

Judge Harold Johnson decided at a June 14 court hearing that there is enough evidence to warrant a trial for Peter Joseph Favre, 44, and Joan Arlette Favre, 24.

The Favres, formerly married, are accused of molesting a five-year-old girl, upon whose testimony a large part of the case rests. Attorneys for both of the Favres said they believe the child's testimony should not be allowed because they claim she has been coached on what to say by the prosecutor and her therapist.

A psychologist testified for the defense, stating that the girl is too young to know that telling the truth is not the same as saying things for which adults "will reward her."

Both the Favres were enrolled in the same graduate program at Cal Poly's education program at the time the incidents allegedly took place. University representatives said Peter Favre is still enrolled in the program, studying to become a counselor.

The pair are to be arraigned June 30 in Superior Court. Joan Favre has been free on $2,500 bail and Peter Favre on $7,500 bail since their arrest May 3, 1985.

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Morgan believes the minor will also be beneficial for people already working with the elderly who did not have the opportunity to study modern gerontology. "Concurrent enrollment for these individuals will be a viable option."

Everybody is growing old, said Morgan, and everybody will eventually be in the senior citizen category. "Parents and grandparents, going through the transition periods of aging, and it would behoove each and every one, personally and professionally, to take a gerontology minor."