**DeJong in; bowling and fees are out**

By Kim Holwegner

The bowling alley and fee increase initiatives were defeated, and Donald DeJong will be the next ASI vice president.

The bowling alley initiative, however, was defeated by a narrow margin of 29 votes, 1,166 for and 1,137 against. The vote indicated that a majority of students voted to continue removal of the area for a fitness facility, as opposed to the reopening of the alley.

The bowling alley has been shut down since June 1985, following a Union Executive Committee vote to close the alley that was ratified by the Student Senate.

The defeat of the initiative translates into approximately $200,000 in what were referred to on the ballot as "relatively certain" costs to continue removal of the lanes and transform the facility as planned.

Vice presidential candidate DeJong received a total of 1,234 votes in his favor, while opponent Franklin Burris pulled in 896 votes.

The inter-club council senators bill, Bill 86-02, was defeated. It proposed the formation of a council made up of representatives from various campus clubs.

The bill received 1,137 yes votes and 960 no votes, but needed a two-thirds majority to pass.

Bill 87-01, which provides for the restructuring of the voting makeup of all Student Senate committees and commissions, passed 1,551 to 446.

The bill will also provide for the enhancement of the relationship of the Student Senate and UEC by making UEC a standing committee of the Student Senate. A long-range planning committee will be established as a permanent standing committee of the Student Senate. Bill 86-01 was victorious by a margin of 1,917 to 295.

In the School of Agriculture, five positions will be taken by John Moons with 368 votes; Raul Grizzle, 366 votes; Ricardo Echeverria, 356; Dennis Hollingsworth, 327 and Jacob Wiersma, 221.

Five seats in the School of Engineering will be filled by Tom Lebens, who received 363 votes; Susan Sinclair, 299 votes; and Ricardo Echeverria, 356.

**Students join last-minute rush to file taxes**

By Monica Fiscalini

On Wednesday, while many students were thinking about the weekend, others were concentrating on midnight — the deadline to file taxes.

Paige Maloney puzzled over her tax forms at 3 a.m. before her class began. She said her parents had always filed her taxes for her before and she wasn't quite sure what she was doing. "They said, 'You're a big girl now,'" Maloney said. She planned to mail her forms after class.

Jeff Blizzard, a journalism student, hopped on the bus at 4 p.m. to pick up his state tax form from the San Luis Obispo County Library. He had completed his federal forms, but still needed to fill out the state form which he discovered would get him a $60 credit for being a renter.

Blizzard said he has been filing for six years and usually waits until the last minute. "It's probably hereditary," he said. His dad, who helped him with his first few years of filing, also procrastinates. He said he will file early next year to get his check before July.

"Procrastination" was the word of the evening. The library was crowded with students who waited until the last minute to file their taxes.

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**Student is grilled by the Secret Service**

By Jenny Lampman

It was only meant to open some eyes but Craig Andrews' art did more than that.

After displaying his artwork in March, some people who saw the collage at Kennedy Library, the Cal Poly journalism senior received a phone call from the Santa Barbara-based Secret Service.

Andrews' collage, titled "Assassination" depicted a magazine photo of President Ronald Reagan splattered with red paint. The work apparently caused a stir in an unidentified Cal Poly student who notified the Secret Service.

"They were calm, low-key people," Andrews said of the Secret Service. "Their main concern was that the collage might trigger someone in the audience." As an organizational policy the Secret Service was unable to comment.

"A majority of the people who saw the collage may think I might be advocating something, but obviously I don't plan on an assassination," he said.

**Health Center doctor speaks**

Poly not immune to AIDS

By Carol J. Vance

AIDS exists at Cal Poly and students with an active sex life are in danger, the Cal Poly Health Center director told students Thursday.

Dr. James Nash spoke during activity hour in the University Union along with Dr. William Gordon, Health Department physician, and Becky Cude, a Cal Poly student.

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**First glance**

The search for a small-town girl to rise to fame and fortune as the star of a movie is on at Champions. See SPOTLIGHT.

I was nearly 40 before I felt how stupid it was to pretend to know things I did not know, and I still often catch myself doing so. Not one of my school masters taught me this, but otherwise.

— Samuel Butler

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See AIDS, back page
Is Bill the Cat around?

For those who bothered to vote this week, something may have caught their eye. Not only was there just one candidate for president, but also only two for vice president and none for student senator from the School of Professional Studies and Education.

In three schools, the number of candidates running was the same as the number of positions available. Only the Liberal Arts, Engineering and Business schools fielded more candidates than positions available.

Nothing surprising, really. It's just Cal Poly apathy at its best. Not since 1985, when Apartheid-bashing was campus vogue, has Cal Poly shown its true colors more vividly. Many may remember when KSBY News asked students to comment on the South African issue.

"I don't think it's a very good idea," said one person.

"No, man. I wear it's on fire.""Come on, what makes you think I fall for that one?" "No one ever told me. How did you find out?"

"We're on fire! Quick, get out and stick your mouth on the exhaust pipe," I countered.

"Nothing, just the flames shooting out the back," I said, remembering Bates' letter about defacing the P. We only added to it.

"No, man, I wear it's on fire," I countered.

"What?" "I lost my head," I said. "No, man. I swear it's on fire." "Sorry, Andy!" "I don't think we should do this." "Never mind. I'll do it myself..." "Are you kidding? And waste your car and we jumped out. That speed kills. So I stopped the car and we jumped out." "No. Why?" "You don't have one? You have a VW and you don't have a fire extinguisher?"

"No, man. I swear it's on fire."

"Because these engines always catch on fire, my friend said. "Terror. Thanks for telling me." "I thought you knew."

"No one ever told me. How did you find out?"

"This happened to a guy I was riding with last year." "Wonderful. Of all the people I know, I have to give a ride to the patron saint of spontaneous combustion. "How'd you put the fire out?"

"I threw dirt on it."

"Where are we going to find dirt on the freeway?"

"Maybe a truck will drive by and dump a bunch of sand on your car.

"Yeah, right." "Well, it happens to my car every time I drive on the freeway."

"Cute. Hurry up, how are we going to put the fire out?"

"Sorry, Andy. I guess I forgot to pack the baking soda this morning."

"I know, we'll smother it with a blanket," I said. "Uh..."

"Hurry up!"

"Andy, I don't think we should do this."

"Never mind. I'll do it myself..."

"AAAhhh, the blanket's on fire!"

"Like I was saying..."

"Shut up and help me put the blanket out!"

So while I was busy sending smoke signals to the Cherokees, my friend poured his Slurpee on the blanket.

"Are you kidding? And waste 69 cents?"

Congratulations to this weekend's P artists

Editor — We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate those inventive creators who embellished "SPRINGSTEEN" up at the P Sunday night. Although we're not avid Springsteen fans, we can appreciate the amount of planning and effort that was put into this endeavor.

As long as the remnants are cleaned up, we see no problem with this type of activity. In fact, we challenge any group to try and top this achievement. As for Rob Bates — lighten up, pal. Don't you have anything more important to worry about? We sure hope so.

Ross Turk
John Vander Poel

Now a word from the P artists themselves

Editor — In response to Rob Bates' letter about defacing the P with "SPRINGSTEEN," we would like to make a few comments. First, Bates, you should not jump to hasty conclusions by saying we defaced the P. We only added to it. Paint is permanent, paper is not.

Second, it took 1,500 feet of paper and many hours to put "SPRINGSTEEN" up at the P. To take the paper down would take little effort in comparison, and was our intention from the very beginning. But you never gave us a chance to take it down.

And finally, we were not the first and we will not be the last to write something up at the P. It is something which will continue for as long as it is there. We do not apologize for what we did but if you will look, we cleaned up our masterpiece, only because we are responsible adults.

David S. Martin
Tim Culligan
Jeff Hodges
Allan Priest
Dan Strocki
Sanctions to remain on Japanese products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sanctions on selected Japanese electronic products will stay in place until the Reagan administration is satisfied that Japan is fulfilling its part of an agreement on computer chip sales, U.S. officials say.

The Cabinet-level Economic Policy Council decided against setting a specific time limit for the duties at a private session Wednesday at which a decision to move ahead on the tariffs was made, said officials who insisted upon anonymity.

One official predicted that the duties of up to 100 percent will remain in place for at least three months.

A monitoring process will be established for lifting the sanctions once the administration is satisfied that Japan is making a good-faith effort to live up to the 1986 accord, the sources said.

That process of winnowing down certainly will consider the impact on American consumers," he said.

An initial list of targeted items contained dozens of products ranging from Japanese-made television sets to pocket calculators and computer disks.

However, the administration was in the process of narrowing that list down following two days of public hearings earlier this week.

In addition to penalizing Japanese companies, witnesses at the hearings said the sanctions would have a sharp impact on U.S. computer makers that rely heavily on Japanese components.

Deukmejian delays filing taxes

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. George Deukmejian, who is on a trip to Europe, has asked for more time to file his income tax returns, his office said.

A person who is out of the country at the April 15 tax payment deadline is usually entitled to an automatic six-month extension to Oct. 15.

Donna Lipper, a press aide to the Republican governor, said Wednesday that when he files his returns he will make them public, as he has done in the past.

Deukmejian was in Paris Thursday, as part of an 11-day European trade mission. He is scheduled to return to Sacramento on Sunday.

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**Ground-breaking at new city parking lot**

By Catherine Hernandez

An official ground-breaking ceremony took place Wednesday to mark the beginning of construction on a downtown parking structure at the corner of Palm and Morro streets. The ceremony to celebrate the construction of the four-story structure was attended by various city officials including Mayor Ron Dunin and Carl Hysen, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. They gave speeches on the importance of the parking structure and then initiated construction by breaking ground at the construction site.

Dunin said he was greatly pleased that the parking structure was finally being built since another parking structure proposal had been turned down in the past. He described the event as "historical" for the relationship between the city, county, chamber of commerce, and Business Improvement Association.

"Between these four entities, it used to be that you couldn't find two friends. This is the conclusion of 11 years of something that is indescribable." He said he believed the parking structure was proof the four groups were able to work together successfully and added that it would be a step toward improved relations between the parties.

The $3 million project is being financed by the issuance of bond funds and a county contribution of $1.25 million. It will provide 300 parking spaces, and fees for using the facilities will be similar to the parking meters downtown. Although actual contractors will not begin work until May 4, Candace Havens, city parking manager, said the current lot at the corner of Morro and Palm will be closed immediately and preliminary work was to begin Thursday. "We hope to have the structure completed by the end of November in time for Christmas when we'll need it most," Havens said.

There is still expected to be a parking deficit after the structure is built but it is expected to at least relieve some of the downtown parking problems. A similar parking structure has been planned for the corner of Broad and Marsh streets.

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*Ron Dunin, Carl Hysen and Melanie Billig at site of new parking lot.*
A big-time Hollywood movie company looks for reality in small-town local talent

By Alicia M. Kaplan, Staff Writer

A small-town girl from the Midwest competes in dance competitions throughout the country and finally gets her big chance in Hollywood. Sounds like a movie plot. Well, it is. But it also could be the story of some lucky woman who wins the talent search that has been held at Champions the past five weeks.

Every Wednesday night judges have been scouting for someone with beauty and dance ability to be cast in one of the female roles in a new film called “Star Dancer,” the story of a young woman’s rise to fame.

Steve Marchese, entertainment director for Champions, said the response has been enormous. Each Wednesday night in March saw an average of 20 contestants competing in the dance and beauty categories. The contestants are from 16 to 35 years old and come from San Luis Obispo County, Fresno and Los Angeles.

Each night there were four winners, two in each category. At the end of the six weeks, the 24 finalists will compete in the finals at Champions. Two winners will be chosen.

The finals are 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Cal Poly student Sarah Might, 24, competed in both categories. She placed first runner-up in the beauty competition and returned for a try at the dance category. She said the competition is professional and well-organized.

“I’m really happy to see the variety of dancers show up, instead of having just one school of dance,” she said.

To prepare for her second night of competition, Might said she focused on being more relaxed because the tenseness hindered her in the earlier competition.

Might, a physical education major, said her husband does not mind the male audience admiration too much.

Seventeen-year-old Tracy Porter of Atascadero, who won first place in the beauty contest, said she was more excited than nervous.

“My adrenaline is pumping and my stomach is doing flip-flops,” she said, “but I feel secure because I know there are a lot of people out there to cheer me on.”

Cal Poly social science major Deborah Carr, 22, said she entered the beauty competition to realize her own potential.

“A person will never be able to know their potential unless they try. And if they fail, well, there will be other things to come along.”

— Deborah Carr

See DANCER, Spotlight 2
By Stacey Myers, Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo will get a different view of Arthur Peterson during Poly Royal weekend.

Peterson, best known for his role as The Major on the television series "Soap," will bring his one-man show, "Robert Frost: Fire and Ice," to Cal Poly as part of Poly Royal open house.

"Fire and Ice" was co-authored by Peterson and is based on the life and work of the American poet.

"It's a full play, not a poetry reading," said the show's associate producer, Dave Arrow.

"The show gets you interested in Robert Frost as a person, not just as a literary legend."

In the play, Peterson, 74, portrays Frost's character and recalls events in the poet's life. Peterson takes his audience through the years, from Frost's youth in a California gold mining town through his later years of fame as one of America's most celebrated poets.

During his visit, Peterson will also visit acting classes and share his knowledge of Robert Frost with local school children.

Peterson began his theater career in Chicago and moved on to radio and television. Among his television credits are "The Real McCoys" and "Marcus Welby."

"Robert Frost: Fire and Ice" will be presented in the Cal Poly Theatre at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25. Phone reservations can be made by calling 546-1421.
The Release ‘adds life’ to Top 40

By Danielle Letenyei

Back in the San Luis Obispo County music scene with new members, a new name and a new sound, the band called The Release entertains audiences with a “funk-n-roll” style music.

This Grover City-based band adds a danceable, jazzy flavor to an ordinary Top 40 format.

“Nobody would touch this kind of format,” said Robert “Bobby Dee” Olivera, saxophone player for the band. “It is a ‘popfusion’ kind of sound.”

Originally known as Fatz, The Release boasts some of the best musicians in the county. Olivera, the only original Fatz member, is credited with putting the band together.

“Robert went around looking for the best players in the county,” said Mark McKinnon, the band’s lead guitar player. “He bugged me for a year and a half.”

One of the remarkable talents in the Release is Shaun Thies, lead singer. Thies has a powerful voice which sounds great whether she’s singing the country-western song “That Ain’t a Way to Treat a Lady” or a Madonna tune. She was recently voted the best female singer in the county. Formerly with The Plumbers, Thies has been with the Release for four months.

“It’s a nice change of pace,” said Thies. “You never know what to expect with this band.”

Fatz originally had a male lead singer but, with the band’s renovation, opted for a woman.

“A guy would have to be Steve Perry to pull off some of the high notes we play,” explained McKinnon.

Other members in the band include Perry “Bud” Seldon on drums, Michael Lomas on bass and Richard Everett on synthesizer. With Top 40 songs, the band plays original songs by Olivera and Everett.

“There are not many bands like us around,” said Olivera. “We try to add life to Top 40 songs.”
The Guy Budd Band will play at The Darkroom tonight, with Spasky and Birdman on for happy hour.

Saturday at The Darkroom DDMS will give a reunion performance. Tonight at The Spirit, The Release is playing favorite dance tunes.

Later this week, The Darkroom will have an illegible band Tuesday night, Jill Knight Wednesday night, and reggae artists Crucial DBC Thursday night.

Monday at the Spirit John Sebastian, formerly of Lovin’ Spoonful, will be on stage. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door.

Wednesday is Country Music night at The Spirit, with The Bumpers. D.C. Sparks takes over Sunday through Tuesday at Shenandoah, with Tim Jackson going on through the weekend.

**FILM**

Note: At press time, Bay Theatre and Fair Oaks Theatre did not know if they were getting a new movie for the weekend. Call the theaters for information.


Aristocats — The Disney animated feature about those wacky, lovable cats. Festival Cinemas.

Blind Date — Bruce Willis stars as a nice man whose life is ruined when he goes out with Kim Basinger. Mission Cinemas.

Burglar — Whoopi Goldberg stars as a reformer, accused of a murder she didn’t commit. Festival Cinemas.

Campus Man — Andrew McCarthy talks his incredible-looking best friend into posing for a calendar, and hilarity results. Festival Cinemas.

Children of the Corn 2: The Final Chapter — Film about the Vietnam War. Festival Cinemas.

Men at Work — Original 80’s pop band. Festival Cinemas.

Mississippi Grant Line — An eloquent, sensitively-directed film. Fair Oaks Theatre.

Outrageous Fortune — A comedy starring Bette Midler and Shelley Long as two actresses in love with the same mysterious man. Festival Cinemas.

Over the Top — Sylvester Stallone stars in yet another eloquent, sensitively-directed film. Fair Oaks Theatre.

Platoon — The acclaimed, violent, controversial film about the Vietnam War. Festival Cinemas.

Project X — Matthew Broderick stars as a rebellious Air Force man who trains a monkey for outer space. Festival Cinemas.

Raising Arizona — Nicholas Cage stars as a childless husband who steals one of a rich man’s quintuplets to raise as his own. Festival Cinemas.

Round Midnight — The story of one man’s love for jazz. Herbie Hancock wrote the score. Mission Cinemas.

Rumpeltitskin — Amy Irving plays the young woman faced with the impossible task of weav­ing straw into gold. Madonna Plaza Theatre, matinees only.

Secret of My Success — Michael J. Fox stars in this new comedy. Fremont Theatre.

Some Kind of Wonderful — The latest John Hughes film, starring Lea Thompson and Eric Stoltz as teenagers with romance problems. Festival Cinemas.

Taming of the Shrew — Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton star in Franco Zeffirelli’s colorful film of Shakespeare’s play. Sunday at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

Till the End of the World — Charlie Sheen stars as a man who, with his friend, has to take a wild girl to reform school. Festival Cinemas.

Three for the Road — Robert Redford and Jane Fonda as wacky FBI agents. Festival Cinemas.

Top Gun — Love, high jinx and mayhem in the wacky world of high-security military maneuvers. Mission Cinemas.

**ETC.**

The Poly Royal Gong Show is looking for acts — any acts. Call Barry at 438-5430 for information.
SAN BERNARDINO - New sightings of Mountain Fresh Rainiers across much of Southern California have now been confirmed by several unbiased sources, according to Dr. Heinrich Tschutter, chairman of the Beaumont Citizens' Committee on Carbonated Phenomena. Tschutter told a hastily-called press conference in Escondido yesterday that MFR's have been "positively identified" in the region near the Joshua Tree National Monument. And, he added, sightings in Los Angeles and San Diego "are just a matter of time."

Reports concerning the imminent appearance of MFR's in the area have been circulating for months, and yesterday's press conference was obviously designed to dispel all doubts. Appearing with Tschutter were several eyewitnesses and independent experts, many of whom brought authentic-looking photographs.

"I've even tasted them," stated Entropo, "and I'll tell you, they are friendly and extremely refreshing. But I found no evidence convincing me that the 'R' and 'ainier' together make up any larger word."

Tschutter had no comment regarding Entropo's remarks, but he dismissed as "insufficiently documented" the recent spate of sightings of a variant species marked "Rainier Light."

Dr. Heinrich Tschutter of the Beaumont Citizens' Committee on Carbonated Phenomena displays a recent photograph of a Rainier seen near Indio.
Cal Poly to face red-hot Matadors

By Anthony Lopez

For Cal Poly's softball team, today's doubleheader with Cal State Northridge is crucial if the Mustangs hope to challenge for first place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. The Mustangs trail the conference-leading Matadors by four games, but have a chance to gain two games during today's head-to-head competition. Cal Poly has a 6-5 league record while the conference-leading Matadors by four impressive 26-game winning streak. Northridge is currently 7-0 in Division II. Mustang coach Becky Heidelsch is unsure who will pitch for Cal Poly, but chances are that the Matadors will face Lisa Ferguson and Missy Bausch, who have both done well on the mound for the Mustangs this year.

Bausch won all three of her starts at the Northridge Tournament last weekend, with two coming by way of shutouts. Ferguson pitched well at Northridge but won only one of her three starts. One of her losses was a 5-2 decision to Cal State Northridge. Offensively the Mustangs are going to need a balanced hitting attack from everyone, but especially from top-hitters Heather Mackey, Penny Parker, Shirley Tuttle and Ellen Frank.

As for Cal State Northridge, Matador coach Gary Torgeson has been hitting "very well" recently, and singled out Priscilla Rouse as a hitter to watch. Roue leads Northridge hitters with an average of .467. The game is slated for 1 p.m. at the Cal Poly Softball Field.

Saturday the Mustangs will host a doubleheader against UC Riverside at noon.

Baseball team headed for LA for two-game series

After a week and a half off, from competition, the Cal Poly baseball team will travel to Cal State Los Angeles this weekend for a two-game series. The Mustangs, who are 5-9 in the conference and 14-21 overall, will face a Golden Eagle team which has won four straight and is now 6-11 in the conference and 20-24 overall.

Los Angeles' most recent wins include Tuesday's 8-4 win over Chapman College and Wednesday's 10-8 win over Cal State Northridge. The Golden Eagles were to host the conference's second-place team, Cal Poly Pomona, Thursday.

The Golden Eagles are hitting .298 as a team, while the Mustangs are hitting a collective .277 and are led by Joe Rumsey at .333.

The Cal Poly track teams will split forces this weekend, sending several athletes to the Bruce Jenner Classic in San Jose and the rest of the teams to a conference meet at Cal State Northridge.

Among the athletes from the men's team competing in San Jose will be Brent Griffiths, Mike Livingston and Jeff Alquist at 5,000-meters, Dave Johnson in the hurdles and the relay, Erik Josephson in the 100- and 200-meter races and Damon Shows in the shorter of the two sprints. Shows, Josephson and Kurt Loeprich will join Johnson in the relays.

The conference meet will feature the Mustangs, Cal State Northridge, and UC Riverside.

The men's and women's tennis teams will be on the road this weekend, facing Southern California teams.

The men will play Fresno State on Friday, Cal State Bakersfield on Saturday and both UC Riverside and Cal Poly Pomona on Sunday.

The women, meanwhile, will face UC Riverside on Friday and Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday.
Military base has had tough past

By Carolyn Duvall

The turbulent and often muddy history of Camp San Luis Obispo was presented by a Cal Poly history professor in a slide show Thursday in the faculty dining room.

Daniel Krieger said that in 1928 the California National Guard bought 2,800 acres of the Chorro Valley for a camp to provide military training until plans had to be deferred after the 1929 stock market crash, and most of the work went back to the private sector.

After the 1937 lettuce industry riots in Salinas, state Gov. Frank Merriam re-acquired some of the land for a national guard base and named the camp after himself.

On Sept. 8, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called a limited national emergency (the boomerang of World War II), and in April 1940 more land was bought in the area, which was named Camp San Luis Obispo.

The name was changed from Camp Merriam because of a military requirement that no post be named after a living person.

The site for the camp was chosen because of its prime location — it was rural, near the Pacific Rim (in case of attack from Japan) and it had access to the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Construction began in July 1940 and the earliest facilities were tents on platforms. Machinery of all types, including huge boilers for the camp laundry, was brought in by train.

Heavy rains after Christmas 1941 created massive construction problems. No flood control plans had been designed at that time, and new bridges, railroad tracks and tents were washed out.

Machines were destroyed or hopelessly bogged down and supplies of pure water were polluted. When the first training units arrived in March 1942, it looked as if World War II had been fought in San Luis Obispo.

"Everyone was covered from mud, and even the huge toilets of the laundry had to be reset because they floated away in the show," Krieger said.

Many of the newly-arrived troops were put into the signal tower tents, but when the rain fell on the steel roofs they couldn't hear the signals through their head- phones and their training had to be delayed.

Camp San Luis Obispo originally housed 40,000 troops — the second largest military training camp in the United States. Camp Roberts, just north of Paso Robles, was the largest, housing more than 50,000.

Approximately 200 full-time troops are now housed at the base, with another 50 to 60 due to arrive for summer training, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey King, recruiter at Camp San Luis Obispo.

The camp was originally 65,000 acres in size and included land already owned by the county. Today the camp includes 4,100 acres.
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closed at 8 p.m. and people were still picking up forms at 7:45 p.m. One Cal Poly student said he was a procrastinator who was filing for the first time after a few years of not having to. "If I figure it out, fine. If not, shine it," he said.

"I'm a procrastinator," said Chip Doyle, a construction management student. He said it would take him one or two hours to figure out what he could legally deduct. He had called the post office to find out when they would stop postmarking, but they didn't answer the phone. Penalty for a late postmark on taxes owed is 5 percent of the amount due.

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AIDS

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life. I don't want to see anyone else die of AIDS."

Her message was, "If you're not going to abstain, think about who you are sexually active with." She also said, "We need to support AIDS victims. Don't harass or shun them ... You can't get AIDS by being around them.

Gordon emphasized that AIDS is a viral disease that affects more people than just homosexuals. The majority of AIDS victims have been homosexual but there is a steady increase in females and children contracting AIDS, he said.

"We need to have a sense of responsibility for our behavior because everyone at Cal Poly is in the risk category, (age 24 to 35)."

He said those most likely to get AIDS are people with multiple sex partners, abusers of intravenous drugs and patients who have had blood transfusions.

In San Luis Obispo County there is a 60 percent mortality rate of AIDS patients.

Gordon said symptoms of AIDS may include swollen lymph glands in the neck, continued diarrhea, continued cough, fatigue and unexplained weight loss.

"Other than condoms I don't know how else you can protect yourself," he said. "You must know you have a responsibility and know your partner."

Condoms are usually free at the Health Center but at the moment the center is out of them, said Nash.

Those concerned about AIDS can call the San Luis Obispo Health Department and make an appointment. The Health Department tests for free and the test is anonymous. Students can also be tested at the Health Center for $9 but patients must give their names. Tests can also be done at Sierra Vista Hospital for $10 through a private doctor.

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