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Every once in a while Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker will show up at a basketball or volleyball game, or give a pitch in the U U on topics which have gained campus-wide attention and about which students are concerned. Even so, few students bother to show up.

As is the case throughout the California State University system, school presidents are typically labeled ghosts — kind of like the little man in the refrigerator who turns the light on and off, but whom nobody can ever catch in the act.

Such has been the case with President Baker. He has been quietly maligned for his alleged inaccessibility and invisibility around campus.

This attitude, we feel, has got to stop.

In addition to carrying Cal Poly over countless academic, financial and moral hurdles — ghostly as he may have done it — he has done it without tripping.

His excellence in science was acknowledged by President Ronald Reagan, who appointed him in 1986 to the National Science Foundation to do research in Antarctica for a week. Baker received his doctorate from the University of New Mexico in 1966.

Thus, the Mustang Daily editorial board would like to voice its support for Warren Baker, not only because he’s a good guy, but because we know his “invisibility” means only one thing: he’s doing his job.

Hats off to you, big guy.

From the top

It is always a pleasure for me to welcome new students to Cal Poly. Week of Welcome is the “kickoff” event for the fall quarter, and the enthusiasm and energy generated by the participants seem to give a shot of adrenaline to all of us — a good thing, too — we need it to get through the many activities that are going to be taking place in the next week. We have a hard-working, talented and responsive faculty and staff. They are here to help you and I urge you to take full advantage of this.

By most standards, Cal Poly has a lot to be optimistic about as we move closer to the 21st century. Most of you will choose a curriculum that will prepare you well to step into the professional world outside the university. But an education is much more than preparing for a job, and I encourage you to explore the opportunities you have during your college years to expand your mind, develop your values and learn to think.

I would also urge you to get the feeling of Cal Poly’s learn-by-doing orientation. Diligence is required to keep hands-on experiences relevant. Learn-by-doing strategies must not become ends in themselves. They are means by which knowledge and skills are developed, and they are a valuable complement to the educational process. As an educational institution we have an obligation to raise issues important to our society and reflect on these issues in the light provided by knowledge and understanding. We must have high standards and strive to push them even higher. We must always seek out the best so we can achieve a rich cultural diversity in our faculty, students and staff. We must reach out to foster an environment at Cal Poly that is based upon professional competence and human dignity. We must work and learn together.

My best wishes to all of you for an academic year that is both productive and fulfilling. There are many challenges ahead for all of you — not the least of which is finding a parking place each day — so good luck!

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Dawn: How pathetic.

Ken: The regular kind of guys are a little pathetic (unlike Mark Harmon or Bruce Willis, who are just a little annoying and a little shallow)...

Dawn: You're forgetting the most regular guys are a little annoying and a little shallow, and the first time I was crushed was when I was a freshman in high school. The man of my dreams, a senior, who at that time could be equated with a god.

There was a big dance coming up and I really wanted to go with him. About a week before the dance he asked me what I called when I did that thing (I thought all of my dreams were over). But then when I asked him to the dance, he asked me to babysit his little brother.

Ken: Poor baby.

Dawn: So I decided to add insensitive to my list of male character flaws. Anyway, after the dance he proceeded to tell me about the first car so I could go out on real dates (which would have equated with being a god). But instead of dreams had come true). But instead of being the gentleman by opening the door and saying, "Beats me. When do you think we'll get married?"

Dawn: That's because guys have everything on how the girl looks. It's not fair.

Ken: Oh, girls are better? They judge a guy on the way he talks and the way he laughs and the way he walks. Add this all together for the overall feeling of just having to be a girl-abused guy. Guys can be so insensitive.

Ken: Hey, chill out, Toos.

For guys it's a no-win situation — oh... like taking a urine test: awkward, embarrassing, and no matter how careful you are you're going to be guilty, hurt, mad or hell like they are. Of course he's a jerk. Then in the week before the dance he asked me what I thought the first time I was in love with a girl who vaguely knew I existed. Finally, I got up the courage to ask for her class picture and she said, "Sorry, there's a bunch more people I'd rather get it on with.

Dawn: I guess anything that can go wrong will go wrong, especially when a guy is involved.

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Ken: If some guy had ever said that to me... but the absence of hate and love... what would we talk about?"
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Well, maybe I wasn't mature. When I was a sophomore here, I looked back at my time of polyester golf shirts and maroon bellbottom cords and thought to myself, "You know Floyd, despite all the really nice clothes you wore, you were one immature toadie.

So I was. I had traded in burning-out-on-bleach contests in the high school parking lot and golf cart racing for "The Finer Things," as Steve Windwood would put it — things like immature "Things," as Steve Windwood cart racing for "The Finer Things." I was a mature little toadie. 1 even that is, you'll certainly be the mature little toadie.

I guess it was out of necessity. I would put it — things like immature "Things," as Steve Windwood would have put it. But that's just an aside, mind you, the girl's in whose face I hid my un inhibited self. See, I was in the girl's locker room doing ... uh ... cleaning. But when all the girls came in to dress for aerobics, I had to hide somewhere. So, logically, I slipped into a Reebok. That girl sure took after a vigorous workout. My point is this: there are enough inhabited, boring, clone-like folk in this world. Even on this campus. They're the people who scowl at "immaturity," or what I chose to call being yourself. I can just picture those puckered, distasteful faces of damaged at 80 years old. Even their smiles.

But I was cool. You've probably noticed I keep referring to my coolness in past tense. Well ... ya got me on that one. Maybe now I'm at a new stage of cool, blind to its symptoms. Maybe it's a stage where you pretend like you're not at all cool just to show how cool you are.

Got 'Beav' this gettin' confusing. Well, by now you're thinking I owe you something — like a point to all this meaningless chickenscratch. My point is this: there are enough inhabited, boring, clone-like folk in this world.

So coolness had me by the scruff of the neck once, until I discovered the laughter I could get by looking into a camera lens real funny with my sunglasses up. After all, they say, "You know Floyd, despite all the really nice clothes you wore, you were one immature toadie.

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Hormones weren't the only mask behind which I hid my uninhibited self. In an effort to become the "renais...
You may be under 21

But there are things to do on a Friday night other than this

by Paul J. Roberts

It's Friday night and you and your dorm buddies are all alone because everyone else is at Bull's getting hammered. It's a tough life being under 21, unless you know where to go. There are actually many things to do in San Luis Obispo for the under-21 crowd; it just takes some searching and creativity. During the school year many bars have "college nights" for minors (ominous word).

Tortilla Flats is a Mexican restaurant and cantina that offers music and dancing nightly. It has under-21 nights on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. For a $5 dollar cover charge you can dance yourself to exhaustion, or at least until someone of age offers to buy you a drink. If you're lucky they might buy a worm for you. The worm is a little bottle of mezcal tequila with a tequila-saturated worm at the bottom. It's quite a delicacy in Mexico, and if you successfully swallow the whole thing, you get a plaque on the wall. Then again, it might be wiser to just avoid drinking altogether.

Another bar that offers a minor's night is The Graduate. The Graduate is also a restaurant and offers food all night long with dancing and, sometimes, live bands. Wednesday night is college night and the cover charge is $4. Tuesday of WOW Week will also be an under-21 night, and continued on page 13.
If you’re over 21, you could be here

Do you made it. You don’t actually remember how, but you lived through your twenty-first birthday. So now what? What does San Luis Obispo have to offer the over 21 crowd?

Interestingly enough, San Luis Obispo County has its fair share of over-21 entertainment. The downtown area is well-equipped with several bars and taverns to suit almost any ethnic taste. Los Hermanos and Tortilla Flats stick closely to the Mexican theme. D.K. West Indies Bar and Grill is great for those wishing to samba to the Jamaican beat, and the Rose and Crown brings the atmosphere of a medieval Old English pub to San Luis Obispo.

For the avid sports fan, there is Champions, a sports-oriented bar and grill. For the wine connoisseur, there is the Wine Street Inn. And if you like champagne, the Wine Street Inn also offers an all you can drink champagne dinner every Tuesday night. Come on, what are you waiting for?

There is also F. McLintocks, which still enjoys the wild, wild West. And let us not forget the infamous Bull’s Tavern. For years this run-down establishment has stood its ground as one of the most popular hangouts, probably because the drinks are stiff — but oh-so-cheap.

For those wishing to dance the night away, the Rose and Crown, Champions, Tortilla Flats and D.K. West Indies are well equipped with dance floors and D.J. music. The largest dance floor to be found in, no doubt, at The Graduate, which was just remodeled. Located on Industrial Way off Broad Street, it is slowly becoming one of the most popular dance places for students and full-time residents of San Luis Obispo.

There is also live entertainment. The Darkroom offers the most frequent live entertainment, with several new-wave bands appearing nightly. D.K.’s has reggae bands appearing occasionally. Brubeck’s, on Higuera Street, hosts live jazz entertainment every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

For those who wish to laugh in the company of other legal adults, William Randolph’s has exclusive possession of the only live comedy show in town on Thursday and Friday nights. For more inventive and motivated 21-year-olds, there is also wine tasting. Here in San Luis Obispo, off Orcutt Road, are Corbett Canyon and Chamisal wineries, open seven days a week. However, for those who wish to spend the day playing, Paso Robles, 34 miles north of San Luis Obispo, has several wineries located on one main street. Several offer free concerts and picnic areas, and are open seven days a week.

But just because an individual is over 21 does not necessarily mean alcohol must be included. There is a new non-alcoholic night club under construction which accommodates those who wish to have a good time without the presence of alcohol. The new club, City Limits, being built off Santa Rosa Street in place of Mama Ferrari’s pizza parlor, will serve non-alcoholic drinks. City Limits is slated for opening in mid-October.

San Luis Obispo offers a variety of entertainment for those 21, 11 and 81. So, if you have yet to live through your twenty-first birthday, do not fret. True, there are several establishments that can add sparkle to an evening, especially for the over-21 crowd, but an entertaining evening is what you make of it. Several dance places also have evenings for those who fall short of legal adulthood.

But for those who indulge themselves into oblivion on occasion, remember the Tipsy Taxi service. The service will gladly give a ride home to anyone who’s had a little too much to drink. It can be contacted by any local tavern or by calling 544-1234. As a safety reminder, use it... so you can live through your next birthday.

by Barbara Cunningham

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Steppin’ out

A coastline of opportunities lies in waiting beyond the campus core

by Lisa Bosio

So you’re the new kid in town — like a newborn babe ready to explore the great world that lies before you, yet nervous about taking those first few steps. Let the friendly faces, warm weather and multitude of things to do in San Luis Obispo set your mind at ease.

Start by introducing yourself to the lush vineyard-covered hills of the Central Coast with visits to local wineries that have become a favorite pastime for residents and tourists alike.

The county land north of San Luis Obispo is host to a variety of wineries waiting for you to sample some of the best wines of the Central Coast. If you’re in for an all-day excursion, pack a lunch for a picnic along the countryside. Grab a few friends or go at it alone; just follow the signs along Highway 101 to Paso Robles.

Along the way, stop at the Templeton corner, in the old part of Templeton, where samples from a few small, family-owned wineries are offered. Don’t linger too long, for many of the Paso Robles wineries, such as Estrella River Winery, HMR Estate Winery and York Mountain Winery, await you.

The rolling hills south of San Luis Obispo offer scenic beauty as well as award-winning wines from Chaminual Vineyard, on Orcutt Road, and Edna Valley Vineyard, a few miles down on Biddle Road. Corbett Canyon Vineyard, on Corbett Canyon Road off Highway 227, features prized Zinfandels, Chardonnays and sparkling wines at the winery.

Hearst Castle, off Highway 1 in San Simeon, 45 minutes north of San Luis Obispo, is flamboyancy at its finest. The estate, once owned by the late publisher William Randolph Hearst, is so large that it takes four different tours to see it, each lasting from one to three hours. The first tour gives a general overview of the castle, recommended for first-time visitors.

The second tour visits the guest rooms and Hearst’s private bedroom, where elaborate furniture and paintings are displayed.

The third tour takes you through 36 bedrooms, an assortment of ballrooms and living areas which at one time were used by Greta Garbo and Charlie Chaplin during the roaring ‘20s and ‘30s.

The fourth tour takes you outside to the lavish, sculpted gardens of the castle.

Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children between the ages of 6 and 12. Reservations should be made in advance by calling (800)446-7275.

For a local perspective, visit San Luis Obispo’s County Historical Society Museum. Feel how the early settlers lived by viewing old clothing and furniture and historical documents that have been preserved.

The museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

If a leisurely day in the sun is your idea of fun, the beaches of Avila and Pismo and the sand dunes of Oceano are just the ticket.

Ride a three-wheeler across Pismo Beach or tackle the dunes of Oceano. Big John’s, priding itself in being the world’s largest all-terrain vehicle rental outfit, has 150 ATVs in different shapes and sizes. They rent for about $30 to $50 for one or two hours.

A more relaxed way of seeing the Central Coast sea and picturesque scenery would be on horseback. Horses rent for $30 to $50 for one or two hours.

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Never fear, all you clam lovers: the Chen Tast is back! Operating off the Morro Bay Marina on the Embarcadero, the taxt is actually a small motor boat taking you to the sandspit, where you can get your fork and dig in.

Port San Luis Sportfishing in Avila Beach provides charter and party boats. The bait is free, but you have to bring your own tackle.

Deep-sea fishing at Morro Bay, Avila and San Simeon allows the amateur or the pro fisherman a chance to hook albacore, salmon, cod, snapper and bass. Virg’s Fish’n on Morro Bay and San Simeon offers an all-day boat trip for $35, which includes a pole, bait and tackle, and a license. Early-morning risers can catch the boat at 7 a.m. daily. On the weekends and daily during the summer season beginning June 15, half-day trips are offered at $25.

If you don’t catch anything but sea sickness, dine on the fresh catch of the day at any of Morro Bay’s excellent restaurants. After dinner, take a leisurely stroll down the Embarcadero along the waterfront. Visit the small shops, museums and art galleries that display works of the local artists.

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A SURVIVOR'S GUIDE TO LIFE IN A BOX
by Coleen Bandy

Life in the dorms — no other experience is quite like the one on hundreds of students of about the same age can be fun, exciting, and an overall enjoyable time. Yet it can also be exasperating. The following is a guide to the wonderful world of dorms, otherwise titled: How to Survive Living in a Box.

Items of importance

The most important thing to purchase is a set of earplugs. No matter what time of day or night it is, someone is going to be taking a study break while someone else is trying to sleep or study. They will be blasting stereo, playing golf or tag, bowling in the halls, or skateboarding above, below and around your room. The only answer to getting any sleep at all is investing in earplugs. A package of three pairs can be obtained from Thrifty's for about $1.89.

Now to solve the opposite problem — staying awake. After a long day at school, work and a previous night of studying and/or drinking (at which college students almost invariably become proficient) it often is necessary to stay up very late to do the studying that has been put off until the last minute. The answer to this dilemma requires another small investment: a hot pot. It's a little pot thing from coffee to Top Ramen can be prepared. Next purchase? A year's supply of instant coffee. Caffeine can become your best friend, morning or night, when it is necessary to avoid being, let alone two, can be very stressful at times. One way to avoid claustrophobia is to get outdoors as much as possible. The beaches in the area are beautiful, day or night. The antithesis to a cramped dorm room is open sky, big puffy clouds, a warm sun or a silvery moon, and the sound of waves pounding the shore.

The food (is it really . . .?)

A refrigerator is a must. At first the dorm food seems to be edible, maybe even savory at times. However, nine long months of the same slop day after day may make you stomach grumble — but not with hunger. Sniffing up a popular way of acquiring dorm food and fat. Using your meal card to get fruit, yogurt and juice can save time and calories. Unfortunately, most people use them to get Hostess cupcakes, donuts, potato chips and the like. However, choose, a refrigerator can relieve a few food problems.

A way to avoid the infamous and seemingly inevitable — "Poly butt" is to buy your own salad dressing to take to dinner. The dressings offered at the VG, Snalls and Snack Bar are nothing short of tasteless. Bringing your own may bring some of the fun back into eating a healthy salad.

As a last resort — or as time goes on, a first impulse — the Domino's pizza delivery person is never very far away. The sight of the red, white and blue truck or bedecked delivery person will become familiar and welcome. The smell of popcorn wafting through the halls is another familiar scent that will restore your faith in the fact that food really can taste good. Those two foods can easily become the staples for many residents who find the dining experience somewhat less than satisfying.

Car tips

If you have a car on campus, make sure you park in the right parking lot. As first is difficult to decipher the fine distinction between K-1 and K-2, but after some trial and error, along with some parking tickets, the fine line will be perceived. For residents of Yosemite and Sierra Madre, this advice could save some money. Also, park in the same place as often as possible. Many parking spaces have been reported wandering aimlessly through the parking lot trying to remember where they last parked and when they last saw their car.

There is a place to wash cars, adjacent to the North Mountain dorms, called the Wash Rack. It fits about three cars at a time, but it's usually no trouble getting a space. Not everyone gets motivated all at once. Hoses have to be checked out at the front desk of your dorm.

Avoiding insanity

Living in a tiny space not fit for one human being, let alone two, can be very stressful at times. One way to avoid claustrophobia is to get outdoors as much as possible. The beaches in the area are beautiful, day or night. The antithesis to a cramped dorm room is open sky, big puffy clouds, a warm sun or a silvery moon, and the sound of waves pounding the shore.

Trying to get along with a roommate is another problem.

No matter how compatible or friendly two people are, living so closely takes a toll. Privacy becomes a word of the past. It's important to maintain communication with a roommate when something bothers you. Don't let things build up to a crescendo; be open and honest about pet peeves. It's the only way to deal effectively with the situation.

Cooperating with your R.A. will also save you some headaches. They are only humans and if you go out of your way to harass them they will surely react in a like manner. So make friends with them; it's beneficial to all involved.

off the record

Now for the inside scoop. This is advice from dorm vets who have been through it all and survived.

An unidentified student gave this hint about having a keg in the dorms: Put the keg in one room, lock the door and run the tap through the electrical outlets into the adjacent room. If the party room is searched, the worst that can happen is that you will be written up on suspicion of alcohol. A great place to hide anything can be found in Sierra Madre. In the closet nearest the entrance, there is a removable panel near the floor. Two of last year's residents managed to fill this opening with 24 cases of beer. It's not a recommended move, however, as they were compelled to empty it themselves. You can be charged for the labor if you leave it for someone else. Bringing beer into the dorms is not too complicated if you are not too obvious about it. A backpack works well and is not very conspicuous. But beware! Campus police and R.A.'s are lurking everywhere. The fine against a minor in possession of alcohol or any person bringing alcohol onto campus is more than most students can afford.

Final words

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Despite SLO’s rather competitive market, students do find jobs

by Barbara Cunningham

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San Luis Obispo County is growing rapidly. It is the fifteenth largest county in the state, encompassing 3,300 square miles. It has a civilian labor force of 89,700, with 85,350 of that number employed, leaving a 4.8-percent unemployment rate.

Of all citizens, 18,200 belong solely to San Luis Obispo in a rather competitive job market. For the professional worker, according to the San Luis Obispo Labor Market Report, the highest paying jobs are in agriculture, while the most common jobs are held in retail and government areas.

But what about a student seeking part-time work?

Ellen Polinsky, coordinator of student employment at the Cal Poly Placement Center, says there are a lot of jobs available.

“Students need to weigh what’s most important to them,” said Polinsky. “If you need cash and are willing to work, you’ll get a job.”

At any one time there are between 100 and 200 jobs listed at the Placement Center. Approximately 5,000 jobs are available throughout the year.

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For most students, especially those who live in dorms, on-campus employment is the way to go.

How to go about finding that job

by Barbara Cunningham

There are several ways to find a job. One way, of course, is through the Placement Center. All a student needs to do is come in to the center (near the football stadium) with their current Cal Poly ID and register. There are several bulletin boards with job listings. There are also counselors available to help students in their job search, preparation for interviews and construction of resumes.

"We’re a full teaching facility," says Ellen Polinsky, coordinator of student employment at the Cal Poly Placement Center. The Placement Center is also offering a new program for currently-enrolled students. The new work experience program is targeted at finding students career-related employment in which the students work 20 hours a week. These jobs tend to be higher-paying and can be helpful to students in the future.

There is also the employment development department on South Higuera Street, which tries to match an individual's skill to the labor market. There are also counselors available at no cost.

To find an on-campus job, Polinsky's best advice for students is to go directly to the department where he or she would like to work.

"Many jobs come through the Placement Center, but most are already filled by students who have expressed previous interest," Polinsky says. "Word of mouth plays a big roll around here."

In terms of off-campus employment there are several sources available beyond the Placement Center. The newspaper and phone book are good resources. Polinsky says that 80 percent of jobs available are never listed anywhere.

"Call up a place where you’d like to work," she says. "You may be surprised. Also walk through downtown and by all means follow your contacts. Anyone who is determined can find a job no problem. It’s like anything, it always looks easy when someone else does it."
Dorm roomies:  

by April Karys

The prospect of sharing a 9-by-19 foot residence hall room with a stranger may make some entering freshmen feel like quitting school before they begin.

With the stresses of moving and starting college classes, as well as the added tension of sharing close quarters, it is small wonder that problems between roommates sometimes arise.

"The first thing you'll get is 'I can never live with this person,'" said Stephan Lamb, associate director of housing. He said that at the beginning of fall quarter there is a 30-day moratorium on moving within the dorms.

"We find that people who initially believe that they cannot live with their roommate really are adaptable," Lamb said. The restriction on room trades sometimes makes for difficulties, said computer science senior Leslie Hendrix, who was a resident adviser for the 1985-86 school year.

"But it can also be good," said Hendrix. "It gives the residents time to get to know their roommates, where maybe they were afraid to do this before."

Before students are assigned rooms together, each fills out a written form which asks their age, major, whether or not they smoke, whether they would prefer a quiet or semi-quiet dorm.

Dorm residents are sent the names and addresses of their appointed roommates in advance of the quarter with the hope that they will write and get acquainted, Lamb said.

Troubles between roommates are often settled between the parties, said Jay Wilkins, business management senior and also a resident adviser in 1985-86. A typical method that roommates employ for settling disputes is that one will sleep in the lobby the night before they begin.

"It's very hard to approach someone who is 21 or older (about violating the alcohol rules)," said Hendrix. "You may be younger than them and they may resent it. And it's really hard to have to bust a group that has alcohol."

"It is difficult because these are your peers and you are having to tell them what to do," Wilkins said. "But it's easy in a way because everyone knows it's a rule and that they have broken it. They may be mad, though, because they have to pour out $20 worth of beer."

Hendrix said that, contrary to some peoples' opinions, it is not the job of the resident adviser to bust people. The RA's job, she said, is to make the year enjoyable for everyone.

Both agreed that it is sometimes difficult for the RAs to keep that perspective if they must constantly be reminding residents of the rules.

"I recommend a room change for people who have problems that cannot be solved," said Hendrix. "The person may have to change floors or halls, because the situation is causing bad vibrations on that floor."

With the decision to move comes the question of which roommate has to pack.

"A lot of times it comes down to flipping a coin, or deciding who hates the situation the most, or who has the most stuff to move," said Wilkins. "The problem with moving is that both people have made friends on that floor."

The biggest problem that both former RAs had to deal with was alcohol, they agreed. Alcohol is not permitted in the residence halls or anywhere else on campus, and both Hendrix and Wilkins said that enforcing the rule among their peers could sometimes be difficult.

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This is the recommendation of Rod Neubert, ASI assistant director for program management. One of the programs under his wing is the Escape Route, located in the University Union. The outfit is aptly named because it really is a route for your escape — from school, roommates, jobs, house-hunting or whatever. If you need a break, the Escape Route can take you on a trip or rent you whatever you need to take yourself on one — all on a college student's budget.

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The Escape Route makes it easy to go rock climbing, canoeing, windsurfing, backpacking, skiing, caving, canyoneering and mountain biking, and the list goes on and on. Organized trips run from a few hours to a couple of weeks in length. You can also use the Escape Route's library of maps, books and knowledge to design your own jaunt.

"Our objective is to eliminate all the excuses," said Neubert. "The worst skill that a college student can learn is how to make excuses. It'll affect their whole happiness. If they really want to, they can find time."

The Escape Route is Neubert's creation. He started it in 1969 as an ag-management sophomore, and it holds true to its original form as an all-volunteer organization. No one makes any profits and no one gets paid. Anyone can volunteer and if you work one hour a week behind the counter, the reward is free windsurfing lessons and 50 percent off equipment rentals.

The idea that I came up with was that I wanted to do a great variety of things," said Neubert. "I didn't want to do any thing so much that I'd get sick of it. I worked my tail off during the week and I took off every weekend. I could just totally escape from whatever pressures I had during the week."

The Escape Route's all-volunteer nature has been a substantial force. "One of the main reasons it works is because people feel that it's their Escape Route and they want to see it succeed," said Neubert. "It's really given them a lifestyle that's really relaxed. The whole basic idea is to help people have a balance in their life between their work and homework life so they can be happier."

"We're talkin' about a whole lifestyle, is what we're talkin' about: leadership, confidence, makes' friends. You can be the best engineer that Cal Poly ever put out but if you can't get through that interview and interact with other people, you've had it. Taking a chance, trying new things is something that we promote. And it gives you a fuller life."

Mark Smith, a 22-year-old graphic communication senior, is one of the many volunteers who has taken a few chances and sought this "fuller life." He is vice chairman of ASI Outings, the committee in student government that represents the Escape Route. He has benefited in a number of ways from his experience.

"We offer something more involved as part of the growth experience," he said. "I met my girlfriend through here. In fact I met every girl I've ever dated through here."

But at the bottom line, Smith said, "We're just students who decided we wanted to go do something."

True to the purpose of a university, the Escape Route primarily serves to introduce people to new activities, new things to do.

"All our programs are set up basically to introduce people to it, then hopefully strike out on their own," said Smith. "We do things in a very simple way with good backup and good instruction. Sometimes when people wouldn't worry about a safety measure, we'll employ one.

Neubert agreed, stating that in 20 years of rock climbing and caving, the Escape Route has never had an accident.

"We teach people how to do it right," he said, "cause you can die quick from some of these activities if you don't know how to do it right. But for people that want more of a challenge, we can do that too."

The Escape Route also understands that most college students operate on a shoe-string budget. Prices charged for the trips continued on page 50.
Three words every student should know intimately

Just like other universities throughout the state and country, Cal Poly has its own student government working to enrich the lives of its 16,000 students.

Associated Students Incorporated, better known around campus as ASI, is Cal Poly's answer to student government. It works with the present and future needs of the university population.

"ASI serves a variety of purposes and programs here on our campus," said ASI President Stan Van Vleck. "Students of our university can and should make a difference in these purposes and programs. All they have to do is decide they want to."

Students can get involved in more than 60 different ASI committees. An interested party need do nothing more than fill out a short questionnaire and state their areas of interest. No government experience is necessary.

"Students should join ASI because they can receive a lot from it," said Van Vleck.

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Students choosing not to join one of the many available committees may be able to find their niche in one of the 300 clubs and organizations offered to them through ASI. Each club and committee has been designed for students to explore interests related to their area of study, as well as interests outside of their major.

The ASI has been in existence since 1964 and is now the largest corporation in the San Luis Obispo community, with assets well over the $10 million.

Each student at Cal Poly is considered a shareholder in this major corporation by virtue of the fees they pay through registration each quarter.

Aside from initiating new ideas and policies that will affect the students, representatives of ASI act as a liaison between the student body and the administration.

"The administration is usually responsive to student needs and requests," said Van Vleck. "Sometimes, however, they can be tough. Especially when they're not ready for change."

Some of the goals for ASI this year include: a published faculty-evaluations book in which teachers throughout the university will be rated on their teaching performance; improved university marketing techniques; and some long-term goal setting.

"Some of the things planned for the 1987-88 school year will be very beneficial to our student body," said Van Vleck. "What we'd like to have happen this fall is for more people to become involved with our organization who can not only carry on with some of our ideals, but who want to make a difference."

One of the best ways to gain some personal experience and to become involved with ASI is through committees.

Some of the smaller committees that help form the core of student government are the following:

- Finance Committee—Works with a budget of over $4 million, approving and rejecting matters that affect students.
- Academic Commission—Brings to the Student Senate's attention matters that concern students, such as scheduling problems and senior projects.
- Administrative Commission—Prepares resolutions concerning matters such as new buildings or parking facilities.
- Code and Bylaws Committee—Reviews codes and bylaws of clubs wishing to join ASI and monitors the laws of existing campus clubs.
- Elections Committee—Coordinates student elections.
- Personal Policy Committee—Responds to all issues involving ASI or University Union employees.
- Student Planning Commission—Assists in funding campus projects such as new walkways or drinking fountains.
- Programs Board—Oversees actions of various program committees serving student community interests.
- Films Committee—Sponsors current films each quarter for $1.50 a showing. Past films have included "Top Gun," "Stand By Me," "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "The Jungle Book."
- Fine Arts Committee—Brings classical music, jazz music, dance and theater to Cal Poly as well as various art exhibits for student viewing.
- Speaker's Forum—Invites educational lecturers and, occasionally, entertainers to share their expertise with students and faculty.
- Special Events Committee—Sponsors such diverse entertainment as live comedy shows, bands for activity hour, hypnotists and acrobats.
- Long-Range Planning Committee—Sets long-range goals for ASI as a corporation and implements set plans of action.

A number of other services such as the Second Edition copy center, Julian's ice cream and coffee parlor and Disabled Student Services are offered through the University Union, also under the guidance of ASI.

Anyone seeking further information can contact the ASI offices located on the second floor of the University Union.

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Clean up your act with counseling

by Stephanie Dias

Have you ever wanted to shoot your roommate for squeezing the toothpaste tube from the middle instead of the end? Have you ever wondered how some students do limited amounts of studying and still get straight As? Do you wonder why you were rejected for a job and an unqualified person got it instead? Sounds pitiful, but it does happen. Sometimes people find themselves at the end of their credit limit and need someone to confide in, someone who will keep every secret confidential.

Cal Poly offers its students an opportunity to release their frustrations the healthy way by talking to a counselor. Counseling services provide help for those who need personal, professional or academic counseling.

The Counseling Center, Learning Center, continued on page 29

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BOUNCING BACK

With an apparent end to financial woes and an influx of new faces, Mike Wilton is ready to make his tenth year a fresh beginning.

Story by Elmer Ramos

Photos by Daryl Shopthaugh

Moments after the Cal Poly volleyball team was trounced 3-0 by Pacific in last year's home finale, the Lady Mustangs took a farewell trot around the Main Gym floor, most of them with their heads bowed low.

Meanwhile, head coach Mike Wilton, looking defeated and weary, strode to the scorer's table and picked up the public-address microphone. Sounding almost remorseful, he announced: "We will be back. We will be heard from again."

Wilton, it seemed, was apologizing for his team's showing during the season. The Lady Mustangs finished with a record of 21-16 and in the bottom half of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association. Nothing to be ashamed of by most standards, but something Cal Poly was not used to doing. After all, several previous teams had contended for the national title.

Wilton's frustrations, however, were not due to his players' performances but to a system that let his powerhouse program deteriorate. With financial support from the university dwindling the previous couple of years, it had become nearly impossible for him to recruit the players, quantity-wise, necessary to maintain the tradition of success.

Looking back, he said actions after the Pacific match may have been misunderstood.

"Maybe it was the emotion of the moment," said Wilton, now in his 10th year at the helm of the Lady Mustangs. "I'm not used to getting beat three straight by anybody on my home court. I hope the message got through loud and clear that I think those kids achieved a lot, really a lot.

Indeed they did. One part-time and two full-time starters returned from the 1985 group, but they were complemented by a handful of players who were not highly recruited out of high school. Still, they managed to form a solid squad.

"It was a hodge-podge of kids," Wilton said. "There were a lot of people around who thought we wouldn't break 500 at all. It was a make-do situation and they did wonderfully. The great unknown was what those kids were going to do when the pressure was on — show their colors or run and hide. They didn't run and hide."

Mike Puritz, head coach of UC Irvine, said Cal Poly's ability to salvage last season serves as proof that Wilton gets more out of his players than any other coach in the PCAA.

"To put it in one word, Mike Wilton is amazing," he said. "He does something; I don't know what it is. He seems to take players not a lot of other people are interested in and is able to mold a real strong competitive team."
bounced back within a year or so if you have a good recruiting year." Recruiting is a difficult task and one Wilton does not necessarily enjoy. He and Montgomery agree that it is not made easier by the fickleness of athletes. "I know for a fact that some kids pick schools because they like the color of the uniforms," Wilton said. "I sometimes think kids like to go to schools with big names. We maybe have a big name in the volleyball world but we don't have major-league athletics here. Personally, I think kids are not going to go to this school."

If the fickleness holds up Wilton may have a bumpy road ahead. However, he has overcome adversity before. The recent financial troubles are just a chapter in a dismal story of monetary strains that stretches back to the first arrival.

"We didn't have money to buy sweaters or anything," he said. "That was the case from '78 to a couple of years ago. I felt athletics was not being addressed the way that it should have. This was a frustrating place to be for a lot of coaches."

So frustrating that Wilton did not see himself staying in San Luis Obispo for very long. The Cal Poly job was to merely be a stepping stone to bigger and better things. But when the opportunities to leave emerged — Wasilla and Houston tried to lure Wilton with their superior budgets and facilities — he rejected them. The decisions to stay, though, did not come easily.

"I almost left on both of them," said Wilton. "My mind was telling me to go but my heart was saying stay. That may sound stupid or not smart but I know this: I don't regret staying at all."

Although his relationship with the university seemed tenous — he signs one-year contracts every summer — thoughts of moving on no longer dominate his mind. Still, he likes to keep his options open.

"I think that it's only healthy to at least keep my eyes on the horizon and listen to what other universities might have to say," he said. "I don't anticipate leaving but I'm not going to not listen to somebody."

Wilton remained on the Central Coast so he could face the challenges head on. Challenges formed him and reinforced his coaching philosophy. Just as he challenged himself to build a winning program, he challenges his players to do the same.

"I see challenges as opportunities to grow," he said. "As a coaching staff our main job is to be challenge facilitators. We're helping people challenge themselves, helping them set goals, helping them realize goals."

No doubt his system of creating challenges achieves victories. Montgomery, though, said Wilton's philosophy also has some critics.

"There are a lot of people who think I'm too easy," Montgomery said. "They think he's too demanding, requires too much dedication to volleyball at the expense of a lot of other things, that he's too narrow-focused, wants success too much and sometimes asks people to give too much. I think it's fair for me to make that criticism of Mike because I can make that same criticism of myself." 

Said Puritz: "I know he (Wilton) runs things on a pretty straight arrow and that he's pretty strict. But when you're deciding where you want to play you should know which coach has which qualities. Either you buy into the system or you get out of it."

Wilton said he is not much different from other coaches.

"Sure I may look a little bit intense in class ranks among the nation's top five. But two newcomers, Nora and Maria Reyes, are academically indistinguishable this year.

5. San Diego State (11-7, 5th) — Kris Morton, a 6-4 middle blocker, anchors a young Aztec squad.

POSSIBLE SURPRISES: Svikhart has the potential to be a future team leader. Wilton sees her as a future team leader.
Looking for a quiet place to study between classes or to unwind and play pool with some buddies? Maybe you earned the first of many As on a test and want to celebrate by catching a movie or escaping for the weekend. The answer to all these dilemma is the Julian A. McPhee University Union, which offers all kinds of services for Cal Poly students.

The University Union, named for Cal Poly’s president from 1933 to 1966, opened its doors in March 1971. Comprised of two floors, the bookstore and two plazas, the UU has more than 120,000 square feet of space. Starting on the upper level, the University Galerie presents modern, historical and educational art exhibits during the year at no charge. There are approximately five to seven art shows annually, often presenting student work. Before each new exhibit there is a special opening reception with the artists.

Are you looking for ways to get involved in campus activities? The Activities Planning Center is the place to start. The center assists in the advising of Cal Poly’s 300-plus student organizations. The staff works with student government, Poly Royal, Work of Welcome and a multitude of special interest clubs.

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Grub, grub and more grub

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by Scott Sarno

**Forward**

For students in the residence halls who are tired of dorm food, or anyone else who just ate his last box of macaroni and cheese, there's no need to fear. One thing San Luis Obispo does not have is shortage of restaurants. From fast food to gourmet, there's everything here to fit any taste or budget, and the Mustang Daily's guide should help you pick the right restaurant to satisfy your hunger.

**If Mom and Dad Pay**

Pizza Ranch and Michael's Delicatessen offer a wide variety of foods at a relatively low price. Both restaurants are located close to Cal Poly and are very popular with Cal Poly students. Every time I've been here, there were two or more people sitting at every table. Prices range from $5 to $11.

**If You Just Got Paid**

The Sea Venture offers casual elegance on the beach at Punta. Spectacular rooftop dining with fresh seafood and choice beef for about $16. Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sundays they offer an incredible buffet champagne brunch.

**Low Budget**

They're located downtown at 107 Monterey Street, and they deliver. Dinners run from $4 to $14. Michael's Delicatessen and Restaurant at 785 Higuera is downtown San Luis Obispo is a New York-style deli, featuring 52 generous portions of steak, ribs and potatoes. Dinners run from $9 to $15. McIntosh's Saloon and Dining House on Main Street in Shell Beach offers delicious and generous portions of steak, ribs and seafood. Prices range from $11.95 to $29.95, with the average dinner around $15. If you don't leave there full, you ought to see a doctor.

**Favorite Holes in the Wall**

Speedy Burger, at 11 Santa Rosa Street, has great burgers and tacos. Their chicken tacos ($3.35) are so good that you'll never want to eat at Taco Bell again.

Scruffy and Lloyd's Cafe at 1136 Carmel Street has the best burgers in town. This place is small but the burgers get up to a half pound! A regular hamburger is 80 cents, and double cheeseburgers are $3.50. Don't ask for French fries here, though; a bowl of chili here is more appropriate.

**Fast Food**

San Luis Obispo has just about every fast food restaurant known to man (except for Wendy's and Jack in the Box) and you'll never get your craving for a Big Mac for lunch or a Taco Bell Grand at midnight. You'll have no trouble satisfying your fast-food craving.

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Poly patients also tend to be more cooperative than patients in private practice, he says. Usually the doctors have been in private practice for a few years before coming to the Health Center. Nash says they enjoy being away from hospital regulations and hours.

The Health Center had about 38,000 visits from students last year, with between 150 and 200 students visiting per day. Many students buy health cards for free and minimal-cost health services. The Health Center lowered the price of the cards from $65 to $20 after last year’s closing of the 24-hour infirmary. Nash says the infirmary was closed because it wasn’t used adequately enough to justify the cost of the 24-hour staff. It is California State University policy to charge only $20 per year if a 24-hour infirmary service is not offered.

The services available with the card are: $20 community emergency-room care subsidy after hours, optometry, physical therapy, pharmacy, podiatry, loan of crutches or canes, orthopedic appliances, ambulance transport, required physicals, allergy and other immunizations, educational oral health programs, health risk appraisal and wellness physicals. All students, with or without a health card, are entitled to free basic outpatient medical services, including physician and nursing services, routine tests and x-rays, special clinics, mental health services, required immunizations and health education programs.

The Health Center also offers student insurance at a reasonable rate. The plan isn’t as comprehensive as plans purchased through regular insurance companies, but students are less likely to have health problems that would require a comprehensive plan.

Created during World War II, the Health Center started as a Navy infirmary in small huts. There was a naval training program in San Luis Obispo, and local physicians would come in to volunteer. Nash says that in 1951 Dean Lovett became the first Health Center director; he built an infirmary and part of the present Health Center. Lovett was followed by Billy Mounts in 1963. In 1977 Nash became director, and he says he plans to stay for a while.
Balancing a tilted grade

by Robin Galey

Grades ... No matter what, students will always have complaints about them.

A lot of professors aren't thrilled about giving them. Some even decry — in front of their classes — Cal Poly's grading system, which doesn't make finer distinctions in performance by using pluses and minuses.

Some even feel the conversion to a plus/minus grading system would bring about more accurate grading and, as a result, lessen the number of complaints students have about grades they've received.

Just short of going to court, there is an appeals body at Cal Poly that hears grade disputes between students and professors.

The board, adopted in 1969, acts a little bit like a jury. It hears both

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AN END TO THE HOUSING CRUNCH

There is a story sometimes heard around campus about student housing being so bad 15 years ago that two Cal Poly students had to live in a cave near Avila Beach. Of course it may only be a rumor, but there were actual instances where students lived in their cars while waiting for available housing after the school year began.

Nowadays, students living in caves and sleeping in cars are probably just part of a science experiment. Student housing in San Luis Obispo has increased to the point that it has become a buyer’s market.

No longer do students have to worry about securing a place to live for the following year before going home for summer break. Finding a home with terms favorable to students can be done, even after the first day of fall classes.

San Luis Obispo has a growth-management plan continued on page 36

by Michael Robles
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limiting city growth to 2 percent per year; this plan does not ex­
empt student housing. This can­
th not explain why student housing has increased. What, in fact, has
made it easier for students to find a place to live?
Reflection of the economy

Bob Bostrom, Cal Poly’s direc­
tor of housing, said the rate of
construction reflects the nation’s
economy.

“In the early 1980s, before
Reagan got inflation under con­
trol, there was high inflation and
high interest rates, and con­
struction went down across the
nation,” he said.

When interest rates were as
high as 21 percent, he said, in­
vestors and builders put their
plans on hold. But when the
rates dipped to about 7 percent
and inflation eased off, those
people changed their minds,
Bostrom said.

Some of them asked their local
planning departments, “Do you
need more student housing?”
They were told yes.

Bostrom said a lack of market
research and communication
among the builders themselves
led to an overabundance of stu­
dent housing. He projected a
vacancy rate of over 7 percent
this year, in contrast to 1 ½ per­
cent as recently as six years ago,
during a housing crunch.

Today, he said, it is not
unusual to see student complexes
advertising for tenants, whereas
in past years those places could
be filled by the beginning of
summer simply by relying on
word of mouth. He said it used to
be common for complexes to
maintain constant occupancy;
realtors never had to advertise
their vacancies.

More control for students

Bostrom said students have
more control over renting situa­
tions. In the past, they had a
difficult time turning down potential
housing because there was
always someone behind them
waiting to take their place.

Despite the change in times, he
said, some students who were
around during the tight housing
situation are still afraid to shop
around and find the right place
for them.

Does the new housing glut
mean lower rents for students?
So far, said Bostrom, it has not.
It has, however, resulted in a
slower rate of increase for prices.

Gwen Powell of the city’s
Human Relations Commission
said students have benefited in
more ways than the slower rate
of increase.

“Some landlords are going
to nine-month contracts they
never would have offered in the past,”
she said.

Powell said 12-month contracts
obligate students to rent places
they do not use during the sum­
mer.

“Some landlords have also
made other concessions, such as
adding amenities to their units in
hopes of attracting renters,” Powell said.

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“Overall, students get lower
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Students should appeal to the board within one quarter, since instructors are only required to keep their grading records that long. However, the board will accept complaints after two quarters or longer if there are special circumstances.

A letter to the Fairness Board should:

•Identify the course, section, term and instructor.
•State the complaint and compensation sought.
•Indicate witnesses who may be called.
•Include copies of all relevant documents such as exams, papers and statements of support made by others.

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SHARING THE TOWN

Cal Poly and the City Council attempt to smooth the intermingling of students and locals

by Jeanne Denvir

Although Cal Poly is outside the city limits, the relationship between the San Luis Obispo City Council and students is important because the majority of students live in the city and must obey its laws.

"The university has no authority over the students unless they are arrested and charged of a crime," said Douglas Gerard, executive dean of Cal Poly. "The city must respond to any violations of the laws."

The City Council has responded to a variety of issues this past year that have had a direct effect on students' lives as well as the rest of San Luis Obispo's residents.

Group housing

Students fall under the label "group housing," which pertains to any group of unrelated people living together.

"There is nothing illegal (about it)," said Steve Henderson, the city's assistant administrative officer. "It is just an alternative lifestyle."

But the alternative lifestyles of students living with an older population has caused some problems for the City Council.

"The main problem with group housing is compatibility between houses," said Mayor Ron Dunin. "The large amount of students continued on page 42"
Just to be on the safe side

Don't let San Luis Obispo's rural setting lull you to sleep there's as much crime here as in the big city

by April Karvs

Students new to San Luis Obispo are often struck by the peacefulness of the university setting. According to Cal Poly Public Safety, the rural setting of the county's per capita crime rate is as high as Los Angeles'.

"So this is not the safe, quiet little city that everyone thinks it is," said Raymond Berrett, a high-ranking Public Safety officer. "As large cities have started fighting back against crime, criminals have moved into small towns to escape the pressure.

"For most part this is a nice place to go to school, but that does not exempt you from danger. If you don't fit the profile of a typical victim the criminals will take advantage of you."

Crime on and around campus range from petty theft to rape. The average rate of recurrence for some offenses, such as acquaintance rape, tends to be higher in university towns, said Berrett.

Theft is the prevalent problem at Cal Poly. While almost nothing is exempt from being stolen, some items, such as backpacks, are stolen more often than others.

Calculators, keys and wallets are some of the things that can be replaced when stolen. But especially, says Berrett, is the dorm.

"One theft made up of a bunch of students was the dorm. They would break into the dorm, steal things and leave the room."

The majority of bike thefts occur in the intersection next to the mail kiosk, just down the hill from the Sandwich Plant, said Carmack.

"Now and then we have an officer sitting there for two or three hours. But without constant patrols, he said. "We have sometimes nabbed 10 to 15 bikers a day. After that they tend to be more cautious and we can cruise through at any time and not see a problem.

Carmack said new students must be aware of campus parking rules. "The thing that really gets me is that they step right off the curb without looking, as if they were on the street," he said. "You've got to have a little respect for the 3,000-pound piece of metal that's coming at you. It's a deadly weapon.

Car owners, on the other hand, must be aware of campus parking rules. There is a two-day grace period at the beginning of each quarter in which students without parking permits are not issued citations, said Leroy Whitmer, assistant director of police and parking.

"But they will be ticketed if they park in staff or handicapped parking spaces," he said. "Starting last spring we began posting signs to alert parking officers who have a mixed number of outstanding parking tickets.

"Habitual offenders will have their vehicle towed to Martin's Parking lot."

Tips from Public Safety

• Be aware of your surroundings and who is around you.

• Safeguard your car. To avoid the temptation of electronics, don't forget to take your car at night.

• Once you get to your car, check your seat and underneath it for anyone who may be hiding there.

• Lock your doors, apartment or house against intruders, even when you are at home.

• Be skeptical of people who show up at your door in a position of authority. (Don't open the door if you are at all suspicious of them.)

• Take a buddy when you have to walk anywhere at night.

• Vary your daily and weekly schedules. Anyone who may be watching you will do so for at least a week, trying to find a patternable predict.

• These tips do not apply only to women. Assaults on men are not uncommon.

A Model Mugging participant learns self-defense techniques.

In an effort to educate new students about the dangers that exist and how to avoid them, Public Safety holds a variety of presentations in the residence halls.

"If we get a mixed group of problems Public Safety encounters, we try to find there will be at least three rape victims," said Carmack, who has been a Public Safety officer for 13 years.

"Sometimes when we hold one of our presentations we can recognize the ones that have been victimized. It's in their expression.

Berrett: "Last year in universities across the nation, at least 75 percent of all rape victims were freshmen. Last spring our quarter we had five women attackers in or about the dorms.

In those incidents, he said, four of the victims and four of the attackers were freshmen. One alleged rape happened in a dorm room and was committed by an acquaintance of the victim. The suspect walked into the unlocked room and attacked the woman as she slept.

San Luis Obispo's rate of acquaintance rape is about 50 percent higher than the national average, said Berrett.

The Victims' Survival Course, started three years ago by Berrett and Carmack, is a program available to those who want to learn how they can defend themselves against assault.

"It's hands-on training," said Carmack. "The course is geared for women but it's also valuable for men because it educates them by role-playing problems that women must face daily."

Model Mugging, a women's self-defense course, is also offered periodically. The 21-hour course is designed to give women the skills and confidence to be able to fend off an attacker within the first five seconds of the assault, said Berrett.

Theft and assault are not the only problems Public Safety en­
counters. Violations of pedestrian, bike, skateboard and parking rules are common.

This is a show of strength for the students who are most vulnerable. But many students are reluctant to report crimes for fear of being embarrassed. Why is this so?

"Some freshmen seem to think that things will get better in the future and don't want to report it. But they are not as isolated as they think they are. They are in a community of people."

In those instances, the victim was in the shower, he may also lose his stereo, backpack or clothing. Someone may even set fire to the room.

Crime in the dorms may sur­

Furniture theft is one way to facilitate the return of a stolen item. Berrett said that 90 percent of all items will be returned to students whose bikes are unregistered, said Berrett.

Cars also fall victim to thieves, but not always in one piece. Last year, almost 3,000 in car parts were stolen from Cal Poly parking lots in a one-month period, said Berrett. The lot most often targeted was Kennedy Library and the Snack Bar, said Berrett.

Then the opportunistic pilferer would leave the pack, said Berrett. "This is a shopping center for thieves."

"They smash the car window underneath it for anyone who may be hiding there."

"Poly is not the Disneyland we get students fresh out of high school. They are not prepared mentally or emotionally for the pressures."

"This is a false concept. The last guy you met may be the first to rip you off. The simple precaution of locking the door would prevent most of the theft."

Berrett added that the usual scenario for dorm theft is this: A student wakes up, grabs a towel and goes down the hall to take a shower, leaving the door unlocked. Then a burglar goes into the room and telephones friends in Iran, England, San Jose or Chicago. He may find a wallet and remove the credit cards or automatic teller cards, which usually have the secret ID number taped on their backs, and go down to the bank to relieve the victim of his money.

During the time that a student is in the shower, he may also lose his stereo, backpack or clothes. Someone may even set fire to the room or vandalize it.

Dorm safety is important, but personal safety cannot be ne­
glected either. "Poly is not the Disneyland where many new students think it is," said Carmack. "Each year we get students fresh out of high school and away from home for the first time, who are just not aware of the dangers that they may face. They've never had to deal with it before."

"They will be ticketed if they park in staff or handicapped parking spaces," he said. "Starting last spring we began posting signs to alert parking officers who have an excessive number of outstanding parking tickets.

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are on very good behavior, but some create a bad image for the city. The relationship is strained."

Councilmember GloriaDeane Dovy said, "The strain on the relationship stems mainly from youthful exuberance and the fact that youth look at things differently."

Noise ordinance

The existence of group housing is one of the factors that led to a noise ordinance that became effective in March, 1985. When the noise ordinance was introduced last June, it prohibited possession of alcohol and open containers in public places. "The alcohol ordinance arose as a result of complaints," said Dunin. "It is to help the community and to help alleviate a transient problem. The same rules apply to everyone in the city, not just students."

Some students appealed to the City Council to have a place where they could assemble with alcohol. In response, the City Council voted to leave Santa Rosa and Meadow parks open to alcohol. If a group has an activity planned, it can apply for an alcohol permit.

"The alcohol ordinance loosened up after proving to be a potential area of discord," said councilmember Robert Griffin.

Councilmember Allen Settle said, "The ordinances have come about by necessity because usually students and the public have complained and they (ordinances) are the city's response."

Improving communication

To help maintain good relations between students and the city, a task force was created at the end of last year. The task force allows for the mayor and city officials to meet regularly with students in an effort to improve lines of communication.

"The task force was formed to meet in a congenial manner, not just reacting to an existing situation but to improve the image of the student within the community," said Dunin.

ASI President Stan Van Vleck said, "The task force is going really well under Mayor Dunin and it has given the students the opportunity to have their voices heard."

Dunin said he hopes when the new students come in, the task force will be able to explain that the city and university are working on their relationship, for it is one that is fragile and important.

"We want everyone to enjoy themselves," said Dunin. "But at the same time they are our guests and hopefully later will become good citizens of San Luis Obispo."

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by Susan Payne

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From the beginning, the Foundation’s intent has been to help students. Over the years it has grown from a service organization that helped agriculture students enterprise their projects, into a multi-million dollar auxiliary.

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Whatever your need, check out the University Union first ... it's for you!
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"We had to become more directly involved with student activities. Never before has the Foundation been involved to the extent that it is now."

— Al Amaral, executive director

Robert Griffin, associate to the executive director of the Foundation, said that there is a lot of misunderstanding about where the profits, from the Foundation's operations, go.

"We haven't done a lot to let people know about our pricing policies," he said. "We need to communicate that issue more broadly at the beginning of the school year."

Griffin said that first, money is used to cover all operating costs. Second, money is put into reserves, where it is saved for unexpected expenses that come up, such as the need for a new building or expanded food services. The rest is available to the university, and the president of the university decides how the money is spent.

Griffin said there is a lack of knowledge about where the foundation does and why.

"There are new students every quarter, and we need to broaden the understanding of what we do, and how we do it," he said. "It's a basic need for communication."

The Foundation is planning to set up an exhibit for new students during WOW week to let them know about the Foundation. The Foundation is a business and the students are the customers. But has the Foundation lost sight of the reason it was created to assist students?

Al Amaral, executive director of the Foundation, said it has. But he added that the donations. It provides funds for University Graphic Systems, which prints Mustang Daily and many other university and student publications. It is also becoming active in student groups such as the Student Senate, the College Union Board and resident-advisor governments.

It is also jointly sponsoring many activities, including Poly Royal, the University Union, the Rose Float committee and voter registration on campus.

The Foundation also helped fund the renovation of the ice cream parlor in the UU, and will be involved with plans to renovate the Burger Bar and Mustang Lounge in the University Union.

Amaral said the turnaround in student relations came about because students were asking them to minimize the mystery.

"We had to become more directly involved with student activities," he said. "Never before has the Foundation been involved to the extent that it is now."

Recently there was a task force set up to find out how to improve communications between students and the Foundation.

"It was a planned attempt to get more involved with students, and it has been in the best interest of both groups," he said. "We enjoy it. The students are very sharp, and who's better to let us know how to serve students than the students themselves?"

The Foundation also employs a lot of students. During its peak employment period the Foundation can employ as many as 1,500 students.

The El Corral bookstore gives away free student packets and has contents and raffles for WOW groups touring the bookstore.

Court Warren, director of the bookstore, said that for the most part students accept the bookstore and the dining areas as a fact of life.

"We've been here for years, but students come and go," he said. "We have a responsibility to be involved with the students."

Warren said that the bookstore tries to accommodate the students by offering the lowest possible prices, reducing long lines during the busiest times and extending hours during the first week of classes.

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By C. Morris

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 Something more of a sure thing are loans, and there are many different kinds. There is the National Direct Student Loan that is awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need as determined by the Financial Aid office. The interest rate on the NSDL is 5 percent and the first payment is due nine months after you leave school or cease to be enrolled at least half-time. Repayment is a minimum of $90 per quarter and must be completed within a 10-year period. Undergraduates may borrow up to $9,000 during their college career and graduates may borrow up to $18,000 in total NSDL.

The Guaranteed Student Loan was established to make loans to students through lending institutions such as banks and credit unions. The interest rate is 8 percent and repayment begins six months after you leave school or cease being at least a half-time student. The interest rate increases to 10 percent in the fifth year of repayment. Undergraduate students may borrow $2,625 per year for the first two years of study and $4,000 per year for the remaining years of undergraduate study, up to a total of $17,250.

Cal Poly also has loans for unexpected emergencies. To be eligible, you must be enrolled full-time, have a 2.0 grade point average, have a verifiable means of repaying the loan and have a good credit history with no delinquency in paying your debts. Repayment is due either at the start of winter quarter or at the end of spring quarter, depending on the amount borrowed.

Other types of aid available at Cal Poly include career work-study programs. Work-study provides the student an opportunity to gain valuable experience through part-time employment on campus, or in community service or non-profit agencies.

Scholarships are another way to help finance your college education. If you correctly complete the Cal Poly scholarship application and the SAP, you will have an exceptionally good chance of being awarded any of the Cal Poly scholarships. More than 800 scholarships are awarded each year by the Cal Poly scholarship committee. Scholaristic ability, financial need, participation in school and community affairs, and interest in chosen major are the factors considered by the committee. Some Cal Poly scholarships have requirements relating to field of study, residence, years in school and career or design portfolio. A student should have an overall grade point average of 3.0 to apply. But there are some scholarships that are awarded to students with lower grade averages, provided they meet the other criteria mentioned above.

There is also a growing number of outside or private scholarships available to students who are willing to commit some time to research. The Financial Aid office offers reference books and a catalog of current scholarship announcements.

Other sources of assistance include veterans benefits and employment. The Dependent's Educational Assistance Program of the Veteran's Administration can assist dependents of a veteran who died or became disabled.

Jobs are available on campus in most academic and administrative departments as well as in the dining hall, bookstore and snack bar. Contact the Cal Poly Placement Center for assistance in locating part-time work on and off campus.

The amount of financial aid you qualify for is determined, the Financial Aid office then puts together a package of aid to meet your need. This may consist of a combination of grants, loans, work-study and scholarships. You may then be asked to send the office documentation, like tax forms, to validate your need.

When all the documents are received and your aid is finalized, you will receive an award is processed through the student accounts office.

The only aid now available for the 1987-88 school year are Pell grants, student loans and jobs. Financial aid applications for the 1988-89 school year will be available in January.

The Financial Aid office is dedicated to helping you plan your finances and organize your resources. A little assistance can also help thicken your wallet to make college a more stress-free experience.

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Next door to Morro Bay, in Baywood Park, kayaks can be rented by the hour at the Baywood Lodge for rowing across the shallow estuary of Morro Bay. Here, a variety of birds can be watched from the peaceful perch of your kayak.

At Lopez Lake, water sports are available; "El Bumpo," water bumper cars, and the Coastal Pool Center 265 A Pacific St, San Luis Obispo 93401. Open Mon. - Sat. from 11 AM for processing at CAL PHOTO.

For the water sports enthusiast, the Central Coast has three different lakes in which to play. In Arroyo Grande, Lake Lopez is a favorite for any windsurfer. Ideal wind conditions make it one of the best windsurfing areas in the nation. During the summer months, instructors are usually available to help the beginner. Sailboards, motorboats and waterskis, paddleboats and canoes can all be rented. Two fun water rides are also available; "El Bumpo," water bumper cars, and the Mustang Water Slide.

Nature boat tours provide a waterway hiking trail into the wilds. A large pontoon boat departs each Tuesday and Saturday for a guided tour of the lake and wildlife. Santa Margarita Lake, just north of Lopez, gives the freshwater fisherman a chance to outsmart the fish. Although they don't allow swimming in the lake, they feature a cement pool for swimmers.

Lake Nacimiento is perfect for waterskiing, due to warm water, less wind and smaller crowds. All lakes feature ideal picnic areas, and Lopez and Nacimiento lakes have overnight camping facilities. After a hard day at school or the beach, relax your weary body at the Avila Hot Springs or Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort. Avila Hot Springs offers private rooms at $6 an hour, $5 for the large, public pool which provides family movies nightly. The Sycamore Resort offers redwood hot tubs, each nestled in its own secluded canyon setting, at $7.50 per person per hour. It also features overnight accommodations. Each room comes with a private jacuzzi on the balcony. Costs per night run from $70 to $85.

Take the ultimate Challenge by reliving your childhood memories of Capture the Flag, but in a combat setting in Santa Maria. The game is part of the latest craze, in which people shoot live ammo — paint balls — at one another. For $21, each person is equipped with an air gun, goggles, face mask, two tubes of water-base paint balls and two carbon-dioxide cartridges.

You better dress down for this one. Wear stuff that you won't mind getting dirty, holesy, sweaty and painty. The game sometimes involves crawling through dark tunnels and dusty trenches. Wear bright clothes if you're into being shot up. You better dress down for this one. Wear stuff that you won't mind getting dirty, holesy, sweaty and painty. The game sometimes involves crawling through dark tunnels and dusty trenches. Wear bright clothes if you're into being shot up.

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Is there life after undergrad here?

by Herod Lowery

With four, five or even six years of schooling necessary just to get a bachelor's degree, it would seem that many students get enough college to last them a lifetime. But for some, a bachelor's degree is just the beginning.

Graduate school takes over for those students, who pursue a Cal Poly master's degree in one of fifteen areas. Cal Poly, however, does not offer doctorate degrees, that being the exclusive right of the University of California system.

But why bother with grad work? Is it really necessary? In some cases, yes. A master's degree is a virtual requirement for the lowliest of college teaching jobs, and even elementary and high school teaching jobs present the holder of a bachelor's degree with a higher salary than someone with just a bachelor's degree. Certain private-sector jobs also require work past a basic bachelor's degree.

Some grad students return to school after finding out what they originally studied for was not really what they wanted to do; others, because of a lack of job opportunities in their chosen profession, return to train for a different type of job.

Hugh Gerhardt, a 30-year-old candidate for a master's in physical education, said the grad program at Cal Poly is tops as far as he is concerned. "The (physical education) department has some of the best teachers in the country," he said. "The professors are just great."

While grad students may be high in ambition, they are low in numbers at Cal Poly. There were about 14,000 students enrolled last spring quarter seeking a bachelor's degree, but only 639 students enrolled in master's programs. Such small numbers are a result of Cal Poly's traditional emphasis on undergraduate education. The average age of undergraduates at Cal Poly is about 21, but grad students range from freshly graduated 23-year-olds to 65-year-old

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cover only food and travel.

"All our trips are run at cost, so they pay for themselves," said Smith. "Our rentals fairly well cover themselves too. There's really no profit margin for us."

Among the gear available for rent are tents, backpacks, stoves, canoes, wind surfers, sleeping bags and even ice cream makers.

If you have an idea for a trip but aren't sure how to make it happen, Escape Route employees can help plan it out from start to finish. In the near future, they are also hoping to have pre-planed trip ideas on file that campus clubs can take advantage of. But the key word is involvement.

"We don't put together canned trips where you just sign up," said Neubert. "We let the people that go on the trip get in on the planning."

Getting in on it and always looking for new things to do are what the Escape Route is all about... and realizing that your personal limits are way out there, and that you've been holding yourself back. There are big discoveries in store, according to the 39-year-old Neubert.

"You ought to have fun at the park," he said. "You ought to do it all. Now's the time, man. I tell ya. These are the best years of your life. If you don't use your mind and body continually throughout your life you'll go downhill."

grandparents. Some older stu-
dents said they have no problem
mixing with the younger crowd.
For some, the age difference is
seen as a definite plus.

"I like dating younger men
anyway," said a 31-year-old city
and regional planning grad stu-
dent, who declined to be iden-
tified.

The California State University
system simply does not focus
on grad studies. What the system
does provide are programs that
complement the bachelor's degree. If students aspire to an in-depth graduate program, it might be best for them to transfer to one of the University of California cam-
puses.

A Cal Poly grad student is allowed seven years to complete the requirements necessary for a master's degree. While a 2.0 grade point average is good enough for undergrad work, to keep happy-camper status a grad student must be at the 3.0 level or higher.

Before the advanced degree is handed out, the student must produce a dreaded thesis. Book-length in scope, the thesis is a major project requiring in-
depth research. The thesis must be finished to the satisfaction of the student's department; a good part of a student's grade, perhaps the majority, rests on the thesis.

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Yes, the thesis is what keeps
some degree candidates from
ever achieving their goal. The
problem has become big enough
that a Los Angeles company
has been formed specifically to help
students overcome that hurdle to
final success.

As in so many other things,
Cal Poly is different from some
other universities in its approach
to graduate education. Among
other things, Cal Poly does not
have a regular graduate-level
faculty. Instead, the same pro-
tutors teach both undergraduates
and graduate students.

Cal Poly has some advantages,
though: smaller classes and lower
prices than can be found at the
University of California.

One of the most popular
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