Bomb scare reaction... Dormies: It was no big deal

By Patty Hayes

Some Yosemite Hall residents were inconvenienced by Wednesday evening's bomb scare in the R-2 parking lot, but most said they were not afraid. "I bet somebody 10 bucks it was a fake," Peter Loeb, a Yosemite Hall resident, said of the incident.

"It didn't seem very professional and organized," Loeb said in reference to how the situation was handled by safety officials.

The device, discovered about 5:15 p.m., was a fake, but Cal Poly Public Safety, San Luis Obispo city police and the SLO County bomb squad all reported to the scene. It was removed and obispo city police and the SLO County bomb squad all reported to the scene. It was removed and detonated by the bomb squad.

Ritu Chhabra, a business administration freshman, was returning from dinner on a Wednesday evening, only to find that it was a pipe stuffed with toilet paper.

Several dorm residents watched as the parking lot was roped off and the "bomb" was removed in a large box.

Jennifer Franks, an interior design freshman, said Thursday, "We saw they had roped off the area and some friends from upstairs came running saying that it was a pipe bomb.

"It didn't seem that exciting."

There weren't more than 15 people (watching) at one time. If this were in L.A., there would have been TV cameras and a lot more fire trucks.

—Peter Loeb, Yosemite Hall R.A.

Cal Poly student sets sights on position of SLO County clerk

Political science senior hopes to get citizens involved

By Cyndi Smith

A Cal Poly student is running for county clerk this June and hopes his fresh attitude and idealistic approach will help get him elected.

Paul Balbas, a 25-year-old political science senior from San Jose, believes the San Luis Obispo county government does not involve the people enough and thinks he can change that if elected to the four-year position.

"I was raised to believe that the government works for the people, not for themselves and their own benefits," he said. "There is definitely a 'good ole boy' network here in San Luis, and I think they're lost sight of who they're working for — the people."

The county clerk is in charge of registering voters, filing court papers, acting as county recorder and overseeing special district elections, such as school and water board. Mitch Cooney, the current county clerk, has held the position for 16 years.

"Cooney has not worked hard enough recruiting voters," said Balbas. "I was also very disillusioned with him when he refused to take a stand on the Paul Floyd issue. He should support Floyd if he thinks he is innocent, and speak out against him if he thinks he is guilty."

Floyd, the county auditor/controller, is in the middle of civil hearings for alleged sexual harassment and drinking on the job.

Balbas has worked during the past year for attorney Stewart Jenkins as a paralegal and

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Bicycle holding cell...

EOC director says county homeless are local families, children — not transients

By Kathy Kenney

Relief for the homeless in San Luis Obispo County has become increasingly focused on whole families, said a community activist Thursday.

Bir Steinberg, the executive director of the San Luis Obispo County Economic Opportunity Commission, said those people who lack basic necessities for survival are not just transients passing through from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

Many of them are county residents who need food, clothing and shelter, she said.

"We take those things for granted," the part-time Costuma Community College and Allan Hancock College instructor said. "Claiming that everyone has a responsibility to the homeless, Steinberg asked the more than 50 students, community members and professors who were gathered in Room 220 of the University Union if they could recall when they had to think about where they would get such basic needs as a warm meal, blankets and a shower.

"Silved Voices Speak Out: The Homeless in San Luis Obispo" was part of a program series...
Second Opinion

Family-planning decision ‘wise’

Gov. George Deukmejian is to be congratulated for putting aside his pride and personal irritation in settling the dispute over constitutional provisions. He signed the bill passed by the legislature to restore $20 million to family-planning programs, but he didn’t veto it, either. That means state funding is again available for birth-control counseling, pregnancy testing and cancer, AIDS and venereal-disease screenings for half million poor and uninsured women.

The family-planning fight had degenerated into a sometimes ugly battle between anti-abortion and pro-choice advocates and between some of the state’s most religious and self-righteous politicians. But the governor managed to rise above it.

In his message to the legislature, he wrote: “I am willing to yield to the majority of the legislature on this bill to relieve them of a potentially prolonged and difficult process and to continue to maintain the spirit of cooperation between the legislature and the governor.”

The family-planning fight has also been a prolonged educational process for many. Pro-choice advocates underestimated the discomfort the governor and some conservative legislators felt about supporting the agencies and the funding the state was paying for “abortion counseling.”

By the same token, some anti-abortion activists did not seem to understand that family-planning counseling, by law, must inform a woman of all her options, but that state-funded family-planning clinics were not in the business of abortion.

In the end it may not have been the sensible arguments for family-planning services that settled this controversy but the political realities. After the bills to restore family-planning funding received overwhelming support in both houses, it was not clear that a gubernatorial veto could be sustained.

Many Republicans were nervously eyeing pro-choice public opinion polls and taking phone calls from supporters who saw the politically ill-advised stand against family planning as an anathema to those who want alternatives to abortion.

U.S. Sen. Pete Wilson, a moderate Republican who hopes to succeed Deukmejian as governor next year, was also not always a great political predictor.

Still, in the end, the call was the governor’s and he could have stubbornly put his shoulder to the door and tried to keep it shut against the ongoing controversy. Instead, when he saw the crowd coming, he opened the door. And that was the wise thing to do.

— From the Los Angeles Times, Feb. 1.
**Student ag program sows successful seeds**

By Leo Shiffrr

Students in the School of Agriculture can reap profits while sowing the seeds of future careers.

Through the Agricultural Enterprise Projects program, students can prepare land to be seeded, irrigate and fertilize the land, market and sell the product — and earn a profit.

"It's an opportunity for students to apply what they learned in the classroom to real-life situations," said Charles Crabb, associate dean of the School of Agriculture.

According to a student agricultural enterprise agreement, Cal Poly Foundation will furnish students all the necessary equipment, tools and facilities to complete an enterprise project.

Crabb said if there's a profit after figuring net income, in most cases two-thirds of the profit go to the students and the remaining one-third to the School of Agriculture Net Reserve. The Foundation holds and manages the reserve fund.

"The reserve is built to help students pay for projects and to cover any losses," Crabb said.

But most projects put money into the reserve, Crabb said, as opposed to suffering a loss.

"For the most part, the projects make money," he said. "If there is a loss, the School of Agriculture Net Reserve absorbs the loss."

Crabb said most of the work done on enterprise projects is by students with supervision and advice from a faculty member.

"The willingness of faculty to put in time to work with students on a one-to-one basis make the projects successful," Crabb said.

Anyone within any major or school at Cal Poly can sign up through CAPTURE to be on a project. Other than having interest in a project, there's no requirement, he said.

"The majority of the students are within the School of Agriculture within their particular disciplines," Crabb said.

Crop science students, for example, would do a crops project.

Crabb said student response to the projects has been positive.

"The average response from students is, 'It's one of the best things I've done at Cal Poly,'" he said.

"Most students walk away with a sense of accomplishment," Crabb said.

Crop Science Professor Gene Offerman said the student enterprise project fits the Cal Poly motto of learn by doing.

"The benefit for students is learning the techniques involved in producing crops and also putting into practice what is learned in the classroom," he said.

Crabb said no other U.S. university compares to Cal Poly in its unique hands-on experience of enterprise projects.

"They (other universities) don't have as many students in projects and they don't have the diversity in projects," he said.

He said enterprise projects give students a definite advantage when talking with prospective employers.

"Employers prefer to hire students with project experience," Crabb said.

According to the Cal Poly Foundation's 1988-89 Annual Report, agricultural enterprise projects with student involvement included dairy husbandry and products manufacturing, production and processing of beef, swine, sheep and poultry products, production of small grains, vegetables and fruits, and processing of food products such as jelly and salsa. Other projects include the two working ranches — the Swanton Pacific and the Besham ranches.

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**BALBAS**

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licenced processor. He said he may eventually attend law school.

"I wouldn't want to be a lawyer, though," he said. "I am just interested in knowing the law better if I go into politics."

This is his first campaign for public office. Balbas has lived in San Luis Obiso for five years and plans to settle here.

Balbas said he feels that he can do a better job recruiting voters through speeches at the high school level.

"I know I'm qualified for this position," he said. "I really want to get people involved," he said. "It's gotten so bad that people are afraid to even pay a traffic ticket because the county employees are unwilling to help them. I hope to change that."

"I guess I have an idealistic point of view," he said. "I believe if you want to make things better you can do it with hard work. And I am ready to put in that hard work."

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Cultural center observes birthday

Visitors listen to ethnic music, eat foreign delicacies

By Monica Ortiz
Staff Writer

Visitors sampled Greek pastries and South African sauces while ethnic music played Thursday at Cal Poly's Multi-Cultural Center's eighth anniversary celebration.

The center was officially opened in the University Union Jan. 15, 1982 in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Since then, it has tried to "encourage and facilitate multi-cultural awareness to the entire university community, via increased faculty-student-community interaction," said coordinator Amy Shore.

"Basically, the Multi-Cultural Center has an open house every year to help introduce it to the students who are not familiar with it," Shore said. "There are a lot of students that are new and international as well."

Many faculty members and staff passed by the center as well as a group of Salvadoran students who are spending the school year at Cal Poly. They were able to taste catered oriental dishes and various Native American grains and chips as well as the Greek and South African foods.

"The purpose is to bring everybody together to see the facilities so they know we're here," said Barbara Andre, coordinator of the International Student Program, "and to do some networking so we all know what's going on."

Andre also mentioned that a key reason for the open house was to let other cultural clubs know of the center's existence in order to make use of its facilities.

"Most of the time when it's open, students will come in to study, talk or kick back," said Andre. "Now we're seeing a lot more people." See ANNIVERSARY, page 6

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**Sports**

**Sports Calendar**

**Friday, February 2**

- **Men's Basketball** — The Mustangs hit the road on Friday for a CCAA game against CSU Bakersfield. Poly is coming off two straight conference road losses and will try to bounce back against the 17-2 Roadrunners. Bakersfield is currently ranked 12th in the CCAA and has a mark of 3-3 in conference play. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. in Bakersfield.

- **Wrestling** — The wrestling squad will hit the road for the third weekend in a row, but they won't travel nearly as far this weekend. They will head north for a meet against UC Davis. The Mustangs will try to improve on a dual meet record that now sits at 3-8.

**Saturday, February 3**

- **Men's Basketball** — The men will return home Saturday night to play Bakersfield for the second night in a row. The game begins at 8:05 p.m. at Mott Gym.

- **Swimming** — The swim team will travel to Davis this weekend for a meet against UC Davis and San Francisco State. The Poly women's squad split two meets last weekend, defeating Bakersfield on Friday and losing to Fresno State on Saturday. The men lost to both Bakersfield and Fresno. The meet begins at 3 p.m. in Davis.

- **Men's Volleyball** — The men's volleyball travels to San Bernardino State. The game will begin at 8 p.m. in San Bernardino.

- **Softball** — The softball team opens its 1990 campaign on the road. They will travel south to take on the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos. Game time is at 1 p.m.

- **Swimming** — The swim team will follow its Friday meet with a meet the following day in Stockton. It will take on the University of Pacific and CSU Sacramento in the final regular season meet of the year. The CCAA championships will begin on Thursday, Feb. 15 in Riverside.

- **Gymnastics** — Both the men's and women's team will be in San Jose on Saturday to take on the Spartans. The game will begin at 1 p.m. in San Jose.

- **Wrestling** — The defending national champions will be in San Jose on Saturday to take on the Spartans. The game will begin at 1 p.m. in San Jose.

**Ski Report**

Here are current conditions at ski resorts in the northern portion of the Sierra Nevada, as provided by the California State Automobile Association.

- **Alpine Meadows** — 9-12" new, 45-55" base; powder & machine groomed packed powder; eight chairlifts.
- **Badger Pass** — 4" new, 21/2" base; powder and packed powder; seven chairs, four surface lifts.
- **Boreal** — 4-6" new, 4-6" base; powder and machine groomed packed powder; eight chairlifts.
- **Donner Ski Ranch** — 5-8" new, 4-5" base; powder and machine groomed; four chairlifts.
- **Heavenly Valley** — 6-8" new, 3-4" base; powder and machine groomed packed powder; tram, 16 chairs, three surface lifts.
- **Homewood** — 10" new, 5-8" base; four chairlifts, three surface lifts.
- **June Mountain** — 6" new, 3-4" base; powder and packed powder; tram, five chairs.
- **Kirkwood** — 8-12" new, 5-7" base; powder and packed powder; six chairs.
- **Lauren Park** — 8" new, 4-5" base; powder and machine groomed; one chair, two surface lifts (Friday through Sunday).
- **Mammoth Mountain** — 6" new, 4-5" base; powder and packed powder; 17 chairs, one gondola, two surface lifts.
- **Mt. Shasta** — 5-8" new, 3-5" base; powder and machine groomed; four chairlifts, one surface lift.
- **Mt. Rose** — 2" new, 4" base; powder and machine packed powder; five chairs.
- **Mt. Shasta** — 5-8" new, 3-5" base; powder and packed powder; two chairs, one surface lift; day and night skiing.
- **North Star** — 4-6" new, 3-5" base; powder and machine groomed packed powder; seven chairs, gondola and few obstacles.
- **Sugar Bowl** — 5-8" new, 3-5" base; powder and machine groomed; six chairs.
- **Tahoe Donner** — 10" new, 4-5" base; skier and machine packed powder; two chairs, one surface lift.
- **Sugarloaf** — 6" new, 4-5" base; powder and machine groomed; six chairs.
- **Sierra Summit** — 6" new, 4-5" base; powder and packed powder; tram, five chairs.
- **Squaw Valley** — 6-8" new, 3-5" base; powder and machine groomed; six chairs, snowboards welcome.
- **Sierra Ski Ranch** — 12" new, 4" base; powder and machine groomed; six chairs.
- **South Lake Tahoe** — 10" new, 4-5" base; powder and machine groomed packed powder; nine chairs.
- **Sugar Bowl** — 10-12" new, 4-5" base; powder and machine groomed; six chairs.
- **Squaw Valley** — 6-8" new, 3-5" base; powder and machine groomed; nine chairs.
- **Tahoe Donner** — 10" new, 4-5" base; skier and machine packed powder; two chairs, one surface lift.

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more clubs and organizations use it as a meeting ground." The center is busiest this month with its celebration of Afro-American history and multi-cultural awareness month, within which the women's week celebration also falls. Its regular programs this quarter include a speaker's series on Tuesdays, a cultural film series on Wednesdays and an Afro-American study group on Fridays.

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life," said Cherie Lust, an animal science senior. "The only thing I would change is to offer a greater variety of classes, but everything else was wonderful."

"We were the guinea pigs for the program last quarter, and it turned out great," Lust said. Orientation meetings for next fall's program will begin this month.

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Going ape for Las Vegas...

Student competes in modeling contest

By Jena Thompson

This Saturday, 58 international champions — including a Cal Poly student — will compete at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas for an English Leather modeling contract, $12,000 in cash and prizes and a position in the world's best-selling calendar.

Melissa Pascu, a Cal Poly nutritional sciences junior, will compete in world finals this weekend with women from 18 countries.

The contestants were chosen from 1,500 contestants and 400 competitions from around the globe. She arrived last Friday in Las Vegas and rehearsed this week for stage shows. "She's a beautiful girl, and very sweet," said Bob Perilla, public relations director for English Leather. He said the calendar girl competition, hosted by Dick Van Patten, will be a challenge for the talented women.

Pascu said in a phone interview that she loves the stage and the attention from camera crews and media people. She said she feels nervous about competing with women who take their modeling careers seriously.

Pascu was surprised to make it to the finals after competing for fun in local pageants. "Anybody can do it," she said. She said her strengths include communicating with people and resisting negative influences. "I don't let anybody stand in my way."

Missing midterms and not knowing if professors will allow her to make them up did not distract her.

Pascu said she loves rehearsing with women from such countries as Turkey, Greece, Finland, Sweden and the U.S.S.R. She said the Soviet contestant cried during a talk to the other women and said she came here mostly to make friends with everyone. The women dance, sing and act in stage shows beginning Friday night. In the first dance to Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal," they wear trench coats and hats. They also dance in evening gowns and finish with interviews wearing bathing suits.

Pascu said she enjoys the long days, rehearsing from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. The contestants will be narrowed down Saturday to 20, from which 13 receive calendar month positions and cover girl titles. The girls stay in Las Vegas next week to continue performing stage shows.

Pascu said she does not expect to win a calendar title and that just the excitement and experience are rewarding. She can hardly believe she made it this far, she said.

"It's so exciting here walking around and hearing someone say, 'Hey, there's one of the calendar girls,'" said Pascu.

She said her experience this week has nothing to do with her career goals. Pascu graduates next year from Cal Poly and wants to go to UCLA Medical School so she can practice pediatrics.

Bay Area earthquake prompts bill against disaster-area looting

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A bill, prompted by the San Francisco earthquake, to make looting during a disaster a crime, was approved Thursday by the state Assembly.

The bill, AB21x by Assemblyman William Filante, R-San Rafael, was sent to the Senate by a 56-0 vote.

The bill has an "x" designation because it is moving in the special session, which was called last November and continues parallel to the regular session. Bills passed in special session take effect immediately instead of waiting until the next year.

The bill would create the crime of looting, defining it as nonresidential burglary or theft during a natural disaster or state of emergency.

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Poly’s sailing team in the
swim of pre-season regattas

By Natalie Guerrero
Staff Writer

Cal Poly’s sailing team is making waves. This year in two pre-season regattas, the team has placed sixth and eighth in national competitions against teams from such schools as the Naval Academy, Princeton, Brown University, University of Hawaii and other California colleges.

“Looking at our first practice since fall ’89, every regatta we have improved,” said Dan Buntz, a skipper of one of the yachts, “and by the end of the season we should be doing really well.”

The sailing team is an offshoot of Cal Poly’s sailing club and, for the past three years, has been competing in regattas up and down the coast.

The team’s primary goal is to provide students the opportunity to sail competitively on the intercollegiate sailing circuit. As a member of the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association (PCIYRA), the team represents Cal Poly in 15 to 17 regattas throughout California and at least one out-of-state regatta annually.

The team consists of 12 members who compete in an A and B category for the varsity and junior varsity fleets. The team uses two 14-foot two-person yachts called. Each yacht consists of a skipper and one crew member. The team is coed and about half are new members.

The next two weekends will be packed with regattas at San Diego and Santa Cruz. Saturday, the team will travel to San Diego for a practice regatta. UCLA, San Diego State, UC Santa Barbara and USC are just a few universities Cal Poly will compete against.

“The strategy for this regatta really depends on the winds,” Phillips said, “but we looking forward to it.”

The team is financed mainly by membership fees and fundraisers. Many of the team expenses, including travel and boat maintenance, come from members.

The team is scheduled to run a 12-hour “Sail-A-Thon” at Laguna Lake Saturday, Feb. 24. Members invite anyone interested in watching this event to come to Laguna Lake between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. They will devote most of the time to an intense practice session.

The team usually practices every Friday afternoon from noon to 4 p.m. at Morro Bay. More information about the team can be found at Rec Sports in the University Union.

RESIDENTS

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Commotion earlier that evening but didn’t know what it was.

“I thought the situation would have been taken care of by then,” Preciado said, “I didn’t see anything unusual.”

Preciado’s arrest Wednesday evening was the most “exciting thing that happened,” said Loeb.

“There weren’t really more than 15 people at one time” watching the incident, he said. Loeb, who is from the Los Angeles area, said that “if this were in L.A., there would have been TV cameras and a lot more fire trucks.”

Jenny Chitwood, another Yorba Linda resident, said “this was a bomb scare San Luis Obispo-style.”

STEINBERG

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Sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts.

Often the term “homeless” is associated with criminals or the mentally ill. The homeless population, however, is much broader and complex, Steinberg said, including the elderly who cannot make ends meet and physically disabled Vietnam veterans.

Runaway children, often victims of abuse, are with those living under the community’s bridges and on the streets. Increasingly, however, the children who are without homes and food are part of a whole family in need.

Many people are barely living from paycheck to paycheck, Steinberg said. As a result, more and more families are out on the street.

To attack the problem, EOC has joined with other community relief programs to help people get back on the road to self-sufficient living. The commission is working now to provide a permanent site for the People’s Shelter, Steinberg said the city, county and EOC jointly purchased trailers, located on Kansas Avenue, for the homeless.

“The community has come a long way in two years,” Steinberg said, “but I’m not saying we don’t have a long way to go.”

The trailers soon will be moved to a site on the corner of Broad Street and Orcutt Road, Steinberg said, but it will take a while for the utilities to get hooked up.

Until that time, the homeless are being picked up at the city parks and bused to Camp San Luis Obispo. It has been hard to transport 54 people, Steinberg said, but they cannot be left without shelter and food.

Tom Oertli, a human development senior who attended Steinberg’s talk, agreed.

“Every human being has the right to have the basics of life,” Oertli said. “We have the luxury in this country to provide that.”

Oertli is an intern with EOC, working on providing educational needs of homeless children. The Kansas Avenue shelter averages about four children a night, he said.